



'Catching some hell'

Hurricane Michael slams into Florida, charges into Southeast

Pine trees litter a yard in Port St. Joe, Fla., on Garrison Avenue on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, after Hurricane Michael made landfall in the Florida Panhandle.

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By JAY REEVES and
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PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Michael slammed into the Florida Panhandle with terrifying winds of 155 mph Wednesday, splintering homes and submerging neighborhoods before continuing its

destructive charge inland across the Southeast. It was the most powerful hurricane to hit the continental U.S. in nearly 50 years and at least one death was reported during its passage. Supercharged by abnormally warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the Category 4 storm crashed ashore

in the early afternoon near Mexico Beach, a tourist town about midway along the Panhandle, a 200-mile (320-kilometer) stretch of white-sand beach resorts, fishing towns and military bases. After it ravaged the Panhandle, Michael barreled into south Georgia as a Category 3 hurricane —

the most powerful ever recorded for that part of the neighboring state. In north Florida, Michael battered the shoreline with sideways rain, powerful gusts and crashing waves, swamping streets and docks, flattening trees, shredding awnings and peeling away shingles. It set

off transformer explosions and knocked out power to more than 388,000 homes and businesses. A Panhandle man was killed by a tree that toppled on a home, Gadsden County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Anglie Hightower said.

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Feds: Chinese spy tried to steal U.S. aviation trade secrets

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO** and **ANGIE WANG**

NEW YORK (AP) — A Chinese spy who allegedly attempted to steal trade secrets from several American aviation and aerospace companies was charged Wednesday and extradited to the U.S.

YanJun Xu, an operative of the Chinese Ministry of State Security, is accused of recruiting experts who worked at aviation companies and paying them stipends to travel to China in order to obtain trade secrets, the Justice Department said.

From 2013 until he was arrested in April, Xu would recruit employees from major aerospace companies, including GE Aviation, and persuade them to travel to



Herb Stapleton, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI, right, speaks alongside U.S. Attorney Benjamin C. Glassman, left, during a news conference, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, in Cincinnati.

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lowed up with the employee asking for specific technical information and then asked the employee to meet in Europe, where he wanted the worker to provide additional information from GE, according to court papers.

Xu was arrested after traveling to Belgium in April. After his appeals failed, he was extradited to the United States on Tuesday and made his first court appearance Wednesday afternoon in federal court in Cincinnati. It was unclear whether Xu had an attorney. Glassman spoke of "red flags" in the interactions between Xu and the employee. He said GE Aviation partnered with the FBI but would not indicate which organization alerted the other of suspected espionage. He also declined to specify at what point the employee was made aware of the situation.

Glassman said he had no plans to charge the GE Aviation employee, who no longer works at the company. A spokesman for GE Aviation, a General Electric Co. division based in suburban Cincinnati that often works under Department of Defense contracts, said it's been cooperating for months with the FBI in a case that targeted a former employee.

"The impact to GE Aviation is minimal thanks to early detection, our advanced digital systems and internal processes, and our partnership with the FBI," GE Aviation spokesman Perry Bradley said. □

China under the guise that they would give a presentation at a university, prosecutors said. Court papers document how Xu and other intelligence operatives planned to obtain "highly sensitive information" from the experts.

Xu was indicted Wednesday on four counts of conspiring and attempting to commit espionage and theft of trade secrets.

Federal authorities said it's the first time that a Chinese Ministry of State Security intelligence officer has been extradited to the United States for trial.

John Demers, the assistant attorney general in charge of national security, said the case was a "significant economic espionage matter" and was the latest proof that China is trying to steal information from American companies.

Benjamin Glassman, U.S. attorney for Ohio's southern district, said no military information was targeted, but any attempt by other countries to "grow companies at America's expense" is considered a threat to national security.

According to the indictment, Xu recruited a GE Aviation employee, who sent him a presentation in February that contained the company's proprietary information. Xu later fol-

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But she added emergency crews trying to reach the home were hampered by downed trees and debris blocking roadways. The man wasn't immediately identified.

Damage in Panama City was extensive, with broken and uprooted trees and power lines down nearly everywhere. Roofs were peeled off and homes split open by fallen trees. Twisted street signs lay on the ground. Residents emerged in the early evening to assess damage when rains stopped, though skies were still overcast and windy.

Vance Beu, 29, was staying with his mother at her apartment, Spring Gate Apartments, a small complex of single-story wood frame apartment buildings. A pine tree punched a hole in their roof and he said the roar of the storm sounded like a jet engine as the winds accelerated. Their ears even popped as the barometric pressure dropped.

"It was terrifying, honestly. There was a lot of noise. We thought the windows were going to break at any time. We had the inside windows kind of barricaded in with mattresses," Beu said.

Kaylee O'Brien was crying as she sorted through the remains of the apartment she shared with three roommates at Whispering Pines apartments, where the smell of broken pine trees was thick in the air. Four pine trees had crashed through the roof of her apartment, nearly hitting two people. Her 1-year-old Siamese cat, Molly, was missing.

"We haven't seen her since the tree hit the den. She's my baby," O'Brien said, her face wet with tears.

In Apalachicola, Sally

Crown rode out the storm in her house. The worst damage — she thought — was in her yard. Multiple trees were down. But after the storm passed, she drove to check on the cafe she manages and saw breathtaking destruction.

"It's absolutely horrendous. Catastrophic," Crown said. "There's flooding. Boats on the highway. A house on the highway. Houses that have been there forever are just shattered."

Gov. Rick Scott announced soon after the powerful eye had swept inland that "aggressive" search and rescue efforts would get underway as conditions allowed. He urged people to stay off debris-littered roads.

"If you and your family made it through the storm safely, the worst thing you could do now is act foolishly," he said.

Michael was a meteorological brute that sprang quickly from a weekend tropical depression, going from a Category 2 on Tuesday to a Category 4 by the time it came ashore. It was the most powerful hurricane on record to hit the Panhandle.

More than 375,000 people up and down the Gulf Coast were urged to evacuate as Michael closed in. But the fast-moving, fast-strengthening storm didn't give people much time to prepare, and emergency authorities lamented that many ignored the warnings and seemed to think they could ride it out.

Diane Farris, 57, and her son walked to a high school-turned-shelter near their Panama City home, where about 1,100 people crammed into a space meant for about half as many. Neither she nor her son had any way to communicate because their lone cellphone got wet

and quit working.

"I'm worried about my daughter and grandbaby. I don't know where they are. You know, that's hard," she said, choking back tears. In Panama City, plywood and metal flew off the front of a Holiday Inn Express. Part of the awning fell and shattered the glass front door of the hotel, and the rest of the awning wound up on vehicles parked below it. "Oh my God, what are we seeing?" said evacuee Rachel Franklin, her mouth hanging open. The hotel swimming pool had whitecaps. Hurricane-force winds extended up to 45 miles (75 kilometers) from Michael's center at the height of the storm. Forecasters said rainfall could reach up to a foot (30 centimeters) in spots. And then



Boats lay sunk and damaged at the Port St. Joe Marina, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018 in Port St. Joe, Fla.

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there was the life-threatening storm surge.

A water-level station in Apalachicola, close to where Michael came ashore, reported a surge of nearly 8 feet (2.5 meters). Based on its internal barometric pressure, Michael

was the third most powerful hurricane to hit the U.S. mainland, behind the unnamed Labor Day storm of 1935 and Camille in 1969. Hours earlier, meteorologists watched satellite imagery in complete awe as the storm intensified. □

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Senate Dems lose health care vote, hope it's campaign fodder

By ALAN FRAM

WASHINGTON (AP) — Days after ending a turbulent Supreme Court confirmation fight, the Senate turned back to health care — with a battle squarely aimed at coloring next month's crucial elections for control of Congress.

In a return to its characteristically more unruffled mode of work, the Senate on Wednesday rejected a Democratic attempt to stop President Donald Trump from expanding access to short-term health care plans, which offer lower costs but skimpier coverage. It was clear Democrats would lose, and a real victory was never feasible since the measure would have died anyway in the Republican-run House.

But by pushing ahead, Democrats made Republicans cast a health care vote that Democrats could wield in campaign ads for next month's midterm elections, in which they hope to topple the GOP's 51-49 Senate majority. The vote was also aimed at refocusing people away from the Senate's nasty battle over confirming Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, which both sides say has transformed indifferent conservative voters into motivated ones — for now. Wednesday's vote was about showing whether Congress will "allow insurance companies to scam Americans with cut-rate health insurance," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. "I wouldn't want to be on the wrong side of that vote."

Republican Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado insisted it was actually the Democrats who had done themselves no favors with the vote.

"Look, if they want to take



Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of N.Y., speaks after the Democratic policy luncheon on Capitol Hill, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018 in Washington.

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away people's health insurance and that's what they're campaigning on for the next several weeks, I think it's a losing strategy," said Gardner, who heads the Senate GOP's campaign organization. Using regulations, Trump has moved to let people buy short-term insurance that could last one year — and up to three years if renewed. President Barack Obama's health care law, which Trump and Republicans have weakened but failed to repeal, created more limited versions of those plans, lasting up to just three months. The policies are for people who don't get coverage at work.

The administration says premiums for the new short-term plans will be around one-third the cost of comprehensive coverage that Obama's law requires. Republicans have promoted them as a low-cost option for strapped consumers after years of steadily ris-

ing premiums, which they blame on Obama's law, and GOP candidates will be happy to use Wednesday's vote to make that point.

"It's not surprising that Senate Democrats are fighting to take away people's choices on health care, to drive up premiums," said Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, who's facing a surprisingly robust re-election challenge from Democratic Rep. Beto O'Rourke.

Unlike Obama's statute, the new policies don't require coverage for people with pre-existing conditions. The government has estimated those people number from 50 million to 130 million, making them a potent political talking point for Democrats. The short-term insurance also doesn't have to cover a menu of services like prescription drugs and could cap beneficiaries' benefits. Democrats call the plans "junk insurance" because, they say, the policies will leave unwary con-

sumers purchasing dangerously meager packages.

"Anyone who supports coverage for people with pre-existing conditions should oppose Trump's "expansion of these junk insurance plans," said Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., who is running for re-election and introduced the Democratic measure.

On its face, Wednesday's fight was over repealing Trump's new rules. But practically speaking, it served to renew attention on the overall issue of health care, which polling shows ranks at the top of the public's priorities and has been a major concern for voters for over a decade.

It also comes as campaign operatives assess whether the Kavanaugh battle will overshadow what has been shaping up as a voters' referendum on Trump, colored by candidates' views on health care and the economy.

Both sides' consultants say initial polling shows new-

found enthusiasm among conservatives, who until the court fight were far less excited about voting than their liberal, anti-Trump counterparts. The big question, they agree, is whether conservative enthusiasm will last until Nov. 6 or fade away, victim to the historic pattern of midterm congressional losses by the party holding the White House and the ever-changing parade of distracting controversies prevalent under Trump.

Lawmakers from both parties are putting the best face on voters' mood.

"Whatever difference in enthusiasm Republican voters may have had going into the fall elections has been eliminated," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told reporters.

"Kavanaugh's in the rear-view mirror," said Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., who spends weekends campaigning and is expected to be easily re-elected next month. "What people are asking me about is health care."

The Democratic effort to block Trump's short-term plans lost 50-50, with legislation needing a majority to pass. They forced the vote under a seldom-used procedure that makes it easier for lawmakers to try repealing recent federal regulations.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, the only lawmaker to join the other side in the vote, complained that the plans could deny coverage to people with pre-existing conditions. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, voted against the Democratic proposal, saying people in her high-cost state could benefit from the low-cost option. Collins and Murkowski helped defeat Trump's effort to repeal Obama's law last year. □



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All 15 Texas Catholic dioceses to name accused priests

By DAVID WARREN
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — All 15 Catholic dioceses in Texas will release early next year the names of clergy who have been "credibly accused" of sexual abuse of a minor, the Diocese of Dallas said in a statement Wednesday. Texas bishops decided last month to release the lists of names by Jan. 31 as part of their effort "to protect children from sexual abuse" while promoting "healing and a restoration of trust" in the church, the statement said.

Dallas Bishop Edward Burns said the investigation constitutes a "major project" because it will include all 1,320 Catholic parishes in Texas.

"My brother bishops and I hope this action can be a step that leads to healing for all those who have been harmed by members of the Church," Burns said in the statement. "I add my sincere sorrow for the pain that has been caused for victims and the Catholic faithful."

A spokeswoman for the Dallas Diocese did not return a message Wednesday seeking an explanation of what will constitute a credible accusation against a current or former priest.

Wednesday's announcement came a day after Burns told parishioners that his diocese has hired a team of former state and federal law enforcement officers to review the personnel files of 220 priests now serving in the diocese. An investigation will review

any accusation against a priest, not just ones relating to the sexual abuse of minors. The investigation could be expanded to include those who previously served.

"Opening our files to outside investigators and releasing the names is something I have been considering for some time," Burns said in Wednesday's statement. "Since I believe it is the right thing to do, the Diocese of Dallas has had outside investigators, a team made up of former FBI, state troopers and other experts in law enforcement, examining our files since February, and they still have work to do."

The investigation comes after Burns in August revealed a former pastor, Edmundo Paredes, was accused of abusing three boys more than a decade ago. Paredes, who is also accused of stealing church funds, has not been heard from since about March and The Dallas Morning News reported that he may have fled to the Philippines, his native country.

This week's developments also follow accusations made last week by a third person alleging a Houston-area Catholic priest, Manuel La Rosa-Lopez, sexually touched him when he was a teenager. That probe has involved Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, who's leading the American church's response to sexual abuse.

DiNardo is already accused by two other people



In this Aug. 19, 2018, file photo, Bishop Edward Burns addresses the media during a news conference at that St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Dallas.

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of disregarding their reports against La Rosa-Lopez, the pastor at St. John Fisher Catholic Church in the Houston suburb of Richmond. La Rosa-Lopez was arrested in September and charged with four counts of indecency with a child.

The move this week by the 15 Texas dioceses is consistent with efforts in other states, such as California and Ohio.

But the actions of the Dallas Diocese to employ a team of former law officers to investigate its priests appear to differ from elsewhere. For instance, a Roman Catholic diocese in Connecticut announced last week

it's chosen a retired state judge to lead an investigation into sexual abuse of children by priests.

The recent developments follow Pope Francis' removal in July of Cardinal Theodore McCarrick for allegedly groping a teenage altar boy in the 1970s, and also the release in August of a lengthy Pennsylvania grand jury report that listed the names of more than 300 priests and outlined the details of sexual abuse allegations.

The investigation launched in Texas also differs from other states such as Maryland where that state's attorney general is delving

into records of the Baltimore archdiocese. Michael Norris, who leads the Houston chapter of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, credited Texas church leaders with taking action but called for the Texas Attorney General's Office to become involved.

"What I lack is trust," Norris said. "When I hear they're hiring a team of investigators, I prefer that it be totally independent."

A spokeswoman for the Texas Attorney General's Office said the agency would act only if requested by a district attorney to do so. □

Planned Parenthood launches plan to protect abortion access

By **DAVID CRARY**
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Planned Parenthood on Wednesday launched a campaign to protect access to abortion as widely as possible even if the Supreme Court, with the addition of conservative Justice Brett Kavanaugh, moves to curtail a woman's right to undergo the procedure.

"We know that we'll need an ironclad network of states and providers across the country where abortion will still be legal and accessible, no matter what happens at the Supreme Court," said Dawn Laguens, Planned Parenthood's executive vice president.

Most of the states with the strongest abortion-rights policies are on the West Coast and in the Northeast. Because of that geography, the new plan underscores the importance of Illinois, and envisions an aggressive expansion of Planned Parenthood services there.

Many anti-abortion activists hope that Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court might lead to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision that established a nationwide right to abortion. Such a reversal would mean states could set their own policies on abortion; at least 20 are considered likely to impose near-total bans.

Earlier this week, a prominent anti-abortion lawyer, Americans United for Life



In this July 10, 2018 file photo, protesters hold signs supporting Planned Parenthood in Seattle, as they demonstrate against President Donald Trump and his choice of federal appeals Judge Brett Kavanaugh as his second nominee to the Supreme Court.

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senior counsel Clarke Forsythe, published an article in a law journal laying out a hypothetical Supreme Court opinion through which *Roe* could be overturned.

Forsythe argued that policies on abortion — like other aspects of public health — should be determined by the states, not the federal government.

"The states can preserve the sweeping outcome of *Roe*, sustain current limits, lift current limits, or enact greater limits," he wrote in the *Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy*. "And they can do this with accountability to the people through regular elections."

Even if the Supreme Court does not overturn *Roe*, it now has a 5-4 majority of conservative justices who are expected to look more favorably on state laws that undermine the law through various types of restrictions on abortion. Abortion-rights groups have identified 13 abortion-related cases that are pending in federal courts and could advance to the Supreme Court.

Planned Parenthood, which is the largest provider of abortions in the U.S., said it had been working on its contingency plan since before President Donald Trump took office. Trump promised during his campaign to appoint Supreme

Court justices who would be open to overturning *Roe*.

A key part of Planned Parenthood's plan calls for expanding services in states where abortion is likely to remain legal and accessible. Longer business hours, additional staff and new clinics are among the possible steps.

Women living in states where abortion becomes increasingly inaccessible will be offered support in traveling to non-restrictive states, according to the plan. It also envisions wider use of telemedicine abortions, which can be used by women living long distance from any abortion clinic.

Legislatively, the plan calls for working to strengthen protections for abortion access in states where the procedure remains legal and combatting efforts by anti-abortion legislatures elsewhere to impose further restrictions.

Another component of the plan calls for working to reduce the stigma attached to abortion. Planned Parenthood said this would involve working with the music, fashion, movie and television industries, and launching public awareness campaigns.

"We know this is a winnable fight," Planned Parenthood said. "No matter what Donald Trump, Mike Pence, or Brett Kavanaugh may say, each of us deserves the right to control our own bodies, including the right to decide if and when to become a parent."

Anti-abortion leader Marjorie Dannenfelser of the Susan B. Anthony List contended that Planned Parenthood's announcement reflects a focus on abortion, more so than the array of other services it provides to millions of Americans, including birth control, sex education and cancer screenings.

"Two things are clear from the strategy Planned Parenthood has outlined: first, their business is abortion, not 'women's health,'" Dannenfelser wrote in an email. "Second, they are playing defense, which speaks to the effectiveness of the pro-life movement." □



In this Sept. 27, 2018, file photo, then Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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Roberts asks federal judges to handle Kavanaugh complaints

By **MARK SHERMAN**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief Justice John Roberts is referring ethics complaints against new Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh to federal judges in Colorado and neighboring states.

The complaints deal with statements Kavanaugh made during his confirmation hearings. They were filed originally with Kavanaugh's old court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Roberts took no action on them while Kavanaugh's nomination was pending. He received the first three of 15 eventual complaints on Sept. 20, a week before Kavanaugh's angry denial of a sexual assault allegation by Christine Blasey Ford.

It's possible the complaints

will never be investigated if the lower-court judges determine they have no jurisdiction over a Supreme Court justice under the judiciary's ethics rules. The judges may be forced to conclude "that intervening events have rendered the allegations moot or make remedial action impossible," said Arthur Hellman, an ethics professor at the University of Pittsburgh. □



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California judge will order new trial in \$289M Roundup award

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A San Francisco judge said in a tentative ruling Wednesday that she would order a new trial in a \$289 million judgment against agribusiness giant Monsanto brought by a school groundskeeper who says Roundup weed-killer caused his cancer.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Suzanne Bolanos issued the ruling ahead of scheduled oral arguments Wednesday. A jury in August awarded Johnson \$39 million in compensatory damages and \$250 million in punitive damages. Bolanos' tentative order applied to the \$250 million award; attorneys were arguing in court over whether the \$39 million in compensatory damages should stand.

Bolanos wrote plaintiff DeWayne Johnson failed to produce "clear and convincing evidence of malice or oppression" by Monsanto. She wrote that he did not provide any evidence that Monsanto employees believed that exposure to the product caused his lymphoma.

Monsanto had argued ahead of the hearing that Johnson failed to prove that Roundup or similar herbicides caused his lymphoma, and presented no evidence that Monsanto executives were malicious in marketing it.

Regulators around the world have concluded on "multiple occasions" that the active ingredient in Roundup — glyphosate — is not a human carcinogen, the attorneys said in court

documents. They called the jury verdict "extraordinary" and said it requires "exceptional scrutiny." Johnson's attorneys responded in court documents that the jury was well-educated and attentive. The evidence at trial was "more than sufficient to support an inference" that Johnson's cancer was caused by his exposure to Monsanto's herbicides, the attorneys said.

"Mr. Johnson's story is tragic and could have been prevented if Monsanto actually showed a modicum of care about human safety," they said.

Johnson's lawsuit is among hundreds alleging Roundup caused cancer, but it was the first one to go to trial. The jury in August determined that Roundup



In this July, 9, 2018, file photo, plaintiff DeWayne Johnson looks up during a brief break as the Monsanto trial in San Francisco.

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contributed to Johnson's cancer, and Monsanto should have provided a label warning of a potential health hazard.

Johnson sprayed Roundup and a similar product, Ranger Pro, at his job as a pest control manager at a San Francisco Bay Area school district, according to his attorneys. He was di-

agnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2014 at age 42.

Many government regulators have rejected a link between glyphosate and cancer. Monsanto has vehemently denied such a connection, saying hundreds of studies have established that glyphosate is safe. □

FBI says man planned to bomb National Mall on Election Day

By JIM MUSTIAN
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal authorities have charged a New York man with building a 200-pound (90-kilogram) bomb they say he planned to detonate on Election Day on the National Mall in Washington.

Paul Rosenfeld, 56, of Tappan, was charged Wednesday with unlawfully manufacturing a destructive device and interstate transportation and receipt of an explosive.

Prosecutors said he planned to use the bomb to kill himself and draw attention to a political system called sortition, in which public officials are chosen randomly rather than elected.

It was not immediately

clear whether Rosenfeld had an attorney. A message left with the federal public defender's office in White Plains, which often represents newly arrested criminal defendants, wasn't immediately returned.

The FBI raided Rosenfeld's home Tuesday and found a functional bomb in his basement that consisted of black powder inside a plywood box, according to a criminal complaint.

Agents also found empty canisters of black powder often used in firearms and artillery, the complaint said. The FBI said in court filings that Rosenfeld, after being pulled over on Tuesday, confessed to ordering large quantities of black powder over the internet and having the substance deliv-

ered to "a location in New Jersey." Rosenfeld took the black powder to New York, constructed smaller explosive devices and conducted test detonations, according to the criminal complaint.

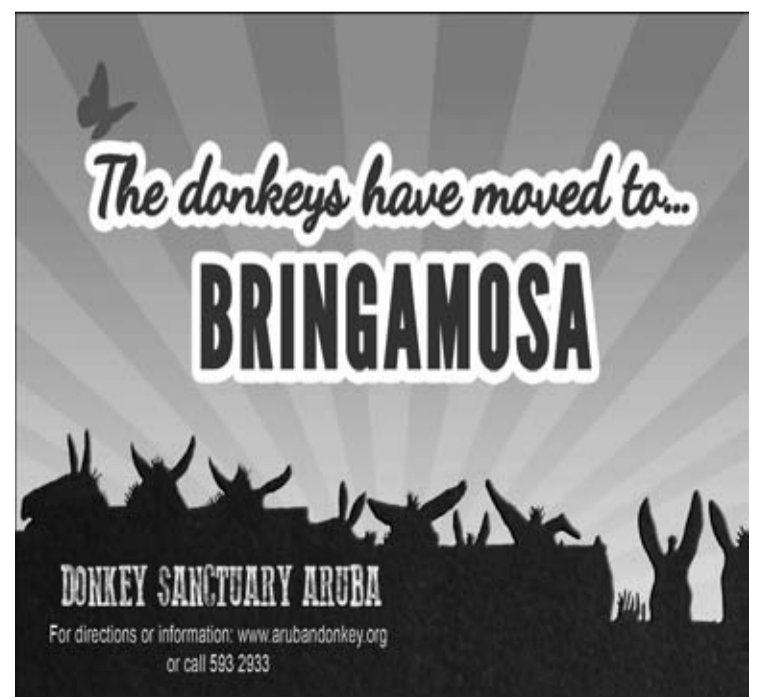
William Sweeney Jr., the assistant director of the FBI's New York field office, said in a statement that Rosenfeld intended to "detonate a large explosive to kill himself and draw attention to his radical beliefs."

"Had he been successful, Rosenfeld's alleged plot could have claimed the lives of innocent bystanders and caused untold destruction," Sweeney said in the statement. "Fortunately, his plans were thwarted by the quick action of a concerned citizen and the dili-

gent work of a host of our law enforcement partners and the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force."

Rosenfeld had an initial

court appearance before a magistrate at a federal courthouse in White Plains on Wednesday afternoon. □



EU says Brexit deal 'within reach' but work remains

By **RAF CASERT**
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union's chief Brexit negotiator said Wednesday that an agreement on Britain's exit "is within reach," if negotiations make progress before a summit next week.

Michel Barnier said that up to 85 percent of the work is done on the deal for the U.K.'s departure and post-Brexit relationship with the EU, but the issue of ensuring a transparent border on the island of Ireland remains to be addressed.

He offered suggestions to make sure border checks are kept to a minimum. Yet he also warned that some British proposals for future trade, as they stood, would give the U.K. too much of a competitive trade advantage.

With goodwill from both

sides, he said an "agreement is within reach" as British Prime Minister Theresa May and her 27 counterparts in the bloc get ready to meet in Brussels on Oct. 17.

EU Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos told reporters Wednesday that Barnier and his team "are working day and night to reach a deal."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said she was pleased to see the intensive work being done in Brussels, but also sounded a note of caution.

"I hope for progress and there is progress, but the devil is in the details, as they say," said Merkel, who was in The Hague for talks with Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte. "Everything is solved when a solution is on paper."

Britain is leaving the EU on



EU chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier arrives for a weekly meeting at the European Commission headquarters in Brussels, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018.

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March 29 and the possibility of there being no deal on future relations — particularly trade — is worrying businesses and politicians. As part of the EU, Britain benefits from seamless trade with the bloc, its biggest trading partner. The key question is how to let Britain exit the EU without

too much disruption to trade and without reinstalling a hard border between the Republic of Ireland and Britain's Northern Ireland. The EU's proposed solution — to keep Northern Ireland inside the bloc's single market and customs union after the rest of the U.K. leaves — is fiercely opposed by the

Democratic Unionist Party, a pro-British Northern Ireland party that props up May's minority government. DUP leader Arlene Foster has said a deal must not breach its "red line" that there can be no new barriers between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K. The party is threatening to vote against the government's budget — potentially toppling May's administration — later this month if it doesn't get its way, according to British broadcasters.

May's Conservative Party is also divided over how close an economic relationship to seek with the EU after Brexit, leaving the prime minister in a precarious position. She has to get any deal agreed with the EU through Parliament, and the numbers aren't in her favor. □

Egyptian police question, release son of jailed ex-president

By **BRIAN ROHAN**
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian authorities detained the youngest son of jailed former President Mohammed Morsi on Wednesday for questioning on charges of publishing "fake news," then released him on bail.

State security men and a special forces officer took Abdullah Morsi at dawn along with his ID and mobile phone from the family house outside Cairo, his brother Ahmed said. The brother later confirmed that Abdullah Morsi had been released, but said the phone wasn't returned. Neither of the two responded to further requests for comment.

Attorney General Nabil Sadek issued a brief statement late Wednesday ordering the release on bail of 5,000 Egyptian pounds (\$280) on the charges after questioning by Egypt's Supreme State Security Prosecution.

Abdullah Morsi told The Associated Press in an interview last week that he would be pressing a campaign to seek more



In this Sept. 30, 2018 file photo, Abdullah Morsi, the youngest son of Egypt's jailed former Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, poses for a photograph in front of his home in Cairo, Egypt.

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visitation rights and better health care for his ailing father, who has been held in solitary confinement since he was overthrown in 2013 by the army, which was led then by current President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

Abdullah Morsi, a 25-year-old business student, has been waiting outside Cairo's notorious Tora prison for hours once a month to leave money for food and necessities for his father, hoping for a chance to see

him. But almost every time for five years he has been denied.

The family says it has seen the former president only three times since his arrest, and all in prison visits closely monitored by police officers.

The family says the 67-year-old Morsi is suffering from diabetes and high blood pressure that have been exacerbated by harsh conditions, including sleeping on the floor and years of

isolation. Relatives say that at times he has been in a diabetic coma.

Abdullah Morsi said his father has "no idea what's going on in the country since he was arrested, they don't allow him newspapers," any access to news, or even a pen to write with.

With Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood Islamist group blacklisted and the family banned from travel, a campaign to improve Morsi's conditions has been run from London, where several prominent British politicians have backed it.

During his tumultuous year in office, Morsi's opponents accused the Brotherhood of trying to use election victories to dominate the state. Morsi cracked down at times on protesters and used executive powers to force through policies, but he never managed to control the levers of power, facing opposition in the courts and among police.

In the end, his opponents organized mass demonstrations against his rule, and it was against this backdrop that el-Sissi overthrew him. Since then, the govern-

ment has largely crushed the Brotherhood with a heavy crackdown. Tens of thousands of Egyptians have been arrested since 2013, the vast majority of them accused of working with or for the group, says the U.S.-based Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy. Vaguely worded legislation in Egypt allows wide-ranging prosecution on accusations of "fake news."

Authorities have over the past year blocked some 500 websites, including those of independent media and rights groups. Authorities have claimed such websites supported "terrorism" or reported "fake news."

Egypt was ranked 161 out of 180 countries in the 2017 Press Freedom Index, according to Reporters Without Borders advocacy group.

Parliament has passed a bill targeting popular social media accounts that authorities accuse of publishing "fake news," the latest move in a five-year-old drive to suppress dissent and silence independent sources of news. □



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10 dead in torrential flooding on Spain's Mallorca island

By ARITZ PARRA
Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — At least 10 people died on the Spanish island of Mallorca after a torrential rainstorm caused flash flooding that left a trail of piled vehicles and damaged infrastructure from surges of water and mud. Two British citizens and a Dutch woman were among the victims found Wednesday, one day after the rainfall, a spokeswoman with the regional emergency service said. The only missing person as of Wednesday afternoon was a 5-year-old boy who disappeared with his mother. The Civil Guard found the mother's body. Before floodwaters dragged her and the boy away, the woman reportedly managed to bring her 7-year-old daughter out of their vehicle, according to unidentified Civil Guard sources quoted by Spanish private news agency Europa Press.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said during a visit to the eastern coast of the island that the impacted area would be declared a "zone of catastrophe," which unlocks funds for recovery, reconstruction and compensation of victims. "We won't give people our backs," Sanchez told reporters. "Given the magnitude of what happened we are going to unleash all resources necessary to return their lives to their everydayness, but the most urgent thing right now is to find those people disappeared."



Residents clear mud from a flooded street in Sant Llorenç, 60 kilometers (40 miles) east of Mallorca's capital, Palma, Spain, on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018.

Authorities said the rainstorm was unlike any people could remember. They described it as both intense and localized in a narrow stretch of land, which led to the overflowing of a creek that cuts through the town of Sant Llorenç des Cardassar, about 60 kilometers (40 miles) east of Palma de Mallorca. Videos shot on mobile phones by local residents showed a strong current of water and mud that buried cars and tore trees on its way down the streets of the town of 8,000. Swamped streets and piles of overturned cars, some of them along the guardrails of a major road, were a common sight in Sant Llorenç and other nearby towns on Wednesday.

Two Britons and two local residents died in Sant Llorenç, the town's deputy mayor, Antonia Bauza, told Cadena SER radio. In an emailed statement, the British government's Foreign Office said: "We are supporting the family of two British people following their deaths in Spain, and will do all we can to assist them at this deeply difficult time." A Balearic Islands' emergency services spokeswoman, who wasn't authorized to be named in media reports, told The Associated Press that the body of a Dutch woman was also recovered from the garage of a house in Arta, another nearby town. Other victims were found in Arta and the coastal vil-

lage of S'illot, where the creek that overflowed reaches the sea. Rescuers with inflatable boats and divers were looking for vehicles that were believed to be dragged by the current into the sea. "It all happened in less than 10 minutes," an unidentified witness with wet clothes told the public broadcaster TVE. "We had to swim to try to survive." Others were caught on the road, unable to reach their houses. Angela Alfaro had to spend the night in a shelter because a road section leading to Sant Llorenç had collapsed. When she finally made it home on Wednesday, all she found was chaos. "As far as I know, I have lost everything," she told an AP

camera crew. "This looks like the end of the world."

Another resident, Tomas Oliver, cleaned his house as he celebrated that all the damage in his household had been material.

"We are grateful that we are all alive, but we pray for those that have lost their lives to this huge flood," Oliver said.

Spanish tennis star Rafael Nadal, who is from Mallorca, helped residents clear mud from their houses in Sant Llorenç. Nadal also announced on social media that his tennis academy on the island would offer shelter to people affected by the floods.

Authorities said 80 soldiers and seven vehicles from the military's emergency unit had joined Wednesday more than 100 rescuers who had been working in the area overnight. In all, more than 500 people helped with rescue and cleaning up operations, authorities said.

At least three towns closed schools and hundreds of people were sheltered in sport facilities and a local horse racing track. The flooding also affected phone communications, destroyed two bridges and forced the closure of 11 roads. Tuesday evening's rainstorm was "extraordinarily intense but localized," affecting a narrow stretch of land with heavy rainfall concentrated during a short period of time, said Ruben del Campo, spokesman for national weather agency AEMET.

"This is hardly seen in the islands," Del Campo said. □

Turkish media: Video shows team of alleged Saudi assassins

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ISTANBUL (AP) — Two Gulfstream jets carrying 15 Saudis landed at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport before dawn on the day last week that journalist Jamal Khashoggi entered the Saudi Consulate and vanished. The men checked into hotels and left Turkey later that night.

Turkish media, which released surveillance camera video of the men on Wednesday, said they were members of an elite Saudi "assassination squad," sent to kill Khashoggi, a Saudi critic.

Saudi Arabia remained silent at the accusation as the images were seen around the world, raising pressure on the kingdom to explain what happened to the writer, a critic of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Adding to the macabre mystery, a Turkish official told The Associated Press that one member of the team was an "autopsy expert."

Saudi Arabia has dismissed allegations it played a role in Khashoggi's disappearance as "baseless," but it has offered no evidence to support its contention he left the consulate unharmed last week and vanished into Istanbul while his fiancée, Hatice Cengiz, waited outside.

The video, shown on the state-run broadcaster TRT and others, did not offer definitive proof about Khashoggi's fate. Turkish officials have said that they fear the team killed him.

U.S. National security adviser John Bolton, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and White House senior adviser Jared Kushner have spoken to the crown prince about the 59-year-old Washington Post contributor, the White House announced. President Donald Trump said the U.S. is "demanding" answers from its close ally, but he did not disclose any details.

"It's a very serious situation for us and this White House," Trump told reporters in the



This image taken from surveillance camera shows a still image of people inside Ataturk International Airport, Istanbul, Turkey, on Oct. 2, 2018.

Associated Press

Oval Office. "We do not like seeing what's going on. Now, as you know, they're saying 'We had nothing to do with it.' But so far everyone's saying they had nothing to do with it."

Trump added: "Nobody knows what happened yet. We don't know what happened yet."

The Turkish security camera video was reminiscent of the surveillance video sleuthing done by officials investigating the assassination of a Hamas operative in Dubai in 2010 or the slaying of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's half brother in Malaysia in 2017.

The silent video showed one of two private Gulfstream jets that Turkish media said carried the Saudi group, who flew in and out of Istanbul on Oct. 2.

The Sabah newspaper, which is close to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, published images of what it referred to as the "assassination squad," apparently taken at passport control at the airport. The state-run Anadolu news agency published the names and birth dates of all 15 Saudis.

The footage shows some of the Saudis leaving a ho-

tel and Khashoggi entering the consulate, walking past a black Mercedes van with diplomatic plates parked adjacent to the entrance. An hour and 54 minutes later, according to the time stamp, a black Mercedes van drives about 2 kilometers (1.2 miles) to the consul's home, where it was parked in a garage.

The footage all seemed to come from surveillance cameras, which would have been located throughout the neighborhood housing the Saudi Consulate and other diplomatic missions. No footage has emerged of Khashoggi leaving the consulate.

Two Turkish officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to the AP because the investigation into Khashoggi's disappearance was still ongoing, confirmed the authenticity of the images in the Turkish media. One of the officials describes a member of the Saudi team as an "autopsy expert" amid earlier allegations that Khashoggi had been killed and dismembered.

The Hurriyet newspaper and other media alleged that the Saudi Consulate's 28 local staff were given the

day off Oct. 2 because a "diplomats' meeting" would be held there on that day. The reports did not cite a source and there was no official confirmation. Turkey's private NTV news channel identified one of the 15 Saudis who arrived as the head of a Saudi forensic science agency. It alleged that he may have been responsible for cleaning up any incriminating evidence. The station did not cite a source for its report.

Khashoggi had written a series of columns for the Post that were critical of Saudi Arabia's assertive Prince Mohammed, who has led a widely publicized drive to reform the conservative Sunni monarchy but has also presided over the arrests of activists and businessmen. Erdogan has not accused Saudi Arabia of being responsible for Khashoggi's disappearance but has said that if the Saudis have video footage of him leaving the consulate, they should release it. Saudi Arabia is a major investor in Turkey, despite Ankara's support for the Gulf nation of Qatar, which is under a blockade led by Saudi Arabia and three

other Arab nations.

Police and investigators in Turkey typically release video and information through state-run or otherwise government-friendly media outlets, as opposed to holding briefings like those common in Western nations.

On Wednesday, the Post published a column by Cengiz, who said her fiancé first visited the consulate on Sept. 28 "despite being somewhat concerned that he could be in danger." He returned there Oct. 2 after being promised the necessary paperwork so the two could be married.

"At this time, I implore President Trump and first lady Melania Trump to help shed light on Jamal's disappearance," Cengiz wrote. "I also urge Saudi Arabia, especially King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, to show the same level of sensitivity and release CCTV footage from the consulate."

Trump told reporters that Cengiz will "most likely be coming to the White House. It's a terrible thing."

Khashoggi had sought to become a U.S. citizen after living in self-imposed exile since last year, fearing repercussions for his criticism of the prince, Cengiz wrote. Trump, whose first overseas trip as U.S. president was to the kingdom and whose son-in-law Jared Kushner has close ties to Prince Mohammed, said Tuesday he had not yet talked to the Saudis about Khashoggi, "but I will be at some point." Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman Hami Aksoy said Tuesday that Saudi authorities have notified Ankara that they were "open to cooperation" and would allow the consulate building to be searched. It's unclear when such a search would take place.

Embassies and consulates under the Vienna Convention are technically foreign soil and must be protected by host nations. Saudi Arabia may have agreed to the search in order to reassure its Western allies and the international community. □

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South Korea considers lifting some sanctions on North Korea

By KIM TONG-HYUNG
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

South Korea is considering lifting some of its unilateral sanctions against North Korea to create more momentum for diplomacy aimed at improving relations and defusing the nuclear crisis, the South's foreign minister said Wednesday.

During a parliamentary audit of her ministry, Kang Kyung-wha said the government is reviewing whether to lift sanctions South Korea imposed on the North in 2010 following a deadly attack on a warship that killed 45 South Korean sailors.

South Korea then effectively shut down all cross-border economic cooperation except for a jointly run factory park in the North Korean border town of Kaesong, which was shuttered in February 2016 after a North Korean nuclear test and long-range rocket launch. The so-called "May 24 measures" of 2010 also banned North Korea from using shipping lanes in South Korean territory.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in has mostly stayed firm on sanctions despite actively engaging with North Korea and floating the possibility of huge investments and joint economic projects in return for the North's relinquishment of its nuclear weapons.

A move by South Korea to lift its unilateral sanctions would have little immediate effect since U.S.-led international sanctions remain in place. But it's clear Seoul is preparing to restart joint economic projects if the larger nuclear negotia-



South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha speaks at the National Assembly in Seoul, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018.

Associated Press

tions between the United States and North Korea begin yielding results.

"Many parts of the May 24 measures now duplicate with the United Nations sanctions (against North Korea)," Kang said. "As negotiations continue to improve ties between the South and North and achieve denuclearization, there's a need to flexibly review (lifting the measures) as long as it doesn't damage the larger framework of sanctions against the North."

Moon has described inter-Korean engagement as crucial to resolving the nuclear standoff. A large number of South Korean business leaders accompanied Moon last month to Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, where he and leader Kim Jong Un agreed

to normalize operations at the Kaesong factory park and resume joint tours to North Korea when possible, voicing optimism the international sanctions could end and allow such projects.

The North and South also announced measures to reduce conventional military threats, such as creating buffer zones along their land and sea boundaries and a no-fly zone above the border. The North also said it would dismantle its main nuclear facility in Nyongbyon if the United States takes unspecified corresponding measures.

The fast pace in inter-Korean engagement appears to have created a level of unease in Washington, which insists that efforts to improve relations between the Koreas should move in

tandem with efforts to denuclearize the North.

Kang also said Wednesday that U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo expressed displeasure over the military agreement between the Koreas. Kang did not specify what Pompeo was unhappy about, but said he asked "multiple questions" about the agreement's content. Kang's comments are likely to fuel speculation that Washington wasn't fully on board before Seoul signed the agreement.

Despite meeting Moon three times and holding a summit with U.S. President Donald Trump in June, Kim has yet to provide a convincing sign that he's ready to deal away his nuclear weapons, which he may see as his strongest guarantee of survival. Pompeo re-

cently visited Kim in Pyongyang in an effort to set up another summit between him and Trump following months of friction in lower-level talks that saw North Korea accuse Washington of "gangster-like" demands on denuclearization.

Despite the current mood of detente and negotiation between the Koreas, the removal of sanctions will be a difficult decision for Seoul's government.

South Koreans are deeply divided along ideological lines and many people still harbor deep anger over North Korea's 1950 attack that started the Korean War, killing and injuring millions. There has been occasional bloodshed ever since — the 2010 attack on the warship was followed months later by North Korea's shelling of a South Korean border island that killed four and gutted homes.

Kang's comments drew an angry reaction from conservative opposition lawmakers. Chung Jin-suk of the Liberty Korea Party demanded that Moon's government consult with the families of the sailors who died in 2010 before making any decision on sanctions. Kang's ministry later tried to downplay her comments, saying in a statement that no decision was imminent. During her conversation with lawmakers, Kang described Seoul's unilateral sanctions as a key obstacle in restarting South Korean tourism to the North's Diamond Mountain resort, which was suspended in 2008 following the shooting death of a South Korean woman there. □

Brazil: Mexico dragging feet on Odebrecht corruption scandal

By BEATRICE CHRISTOFARO
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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

Across Latin America, prosecutors have been pressing charges in recent years against politicians accused of corruption in the scandal involving Brazilian construction giant Odebrecht, which admitted to paying \$800 million in bribes in the region.

Not in Mexico.

Evidence that could shed light on bribes paid by the company in Mexico has been held up in Brazil for more than a year because Mexican prosecutors have refused to sign off on terms necessary for an exchange of information, Brazilian prosecutors told The Associated Press this week.

They said signing the document is "mandatory" for Mexico to be able to use the information, which has been provided by Odebrecht executives and witnesses under plea agreements reached with the South American nation's public ministry.



This April 12, 2018 file photo, shows the Odebrecht headquarters in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Associated Press

About a dozen other countries from Panama to Peru signed agreements with Brazil similar to the one required of Mexico, and used the evidence to go after officials as high as presidents and vice presidents.

Mexico and Venezuela,

however, are two notable exceptions. No one in either nation has been formally charged in the Odebrecht scandal even though there are indications that bribes were paid in the countries.

The Mexican federal Attorney General's Office did

not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Odebrecht has said it paid \$10.5 million to officials at Mexico's state-run oil company, Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, between 2010 and 2014.

The following year the

scandal erupted in Mexico with the emergence of a series of videos of testimony from former Odebrecht executives, including the ex-director of Odebrecht Mexico, Luis de Meneses, directly implicating Pemex's former chief, Emilio Lozoya.

Lozoya, who in 2012 worked on the electoral campaign of current President Enrique Pena Nieto and for his Institutional Revolutionary Party has denied receiving bribes.

In the videos, the Odebrecht executives provide details on how de Meneses allegedly helped them land contracts and how they paid him for greasing the wheels.

Despite that evidence, there has been no sign from Mexican prosecutors that the investigation has advanced. They say they have interviewed 19 current and former Pemex officials as well several Odebrecht executives, including convicted ex-CEO Marcelo Bahia Odebrecht. □

Bogota implores tourists to stop feeding pigeons

By MANUEL RUEDA

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) —

On a bright Sunday afternoon, a group of government workers walked around Bogota's most famous square dressed as pigeons, with cardboard beaks covering their noses, as thousands of real birds swarmed overhead and left their droppings on stately monuments.

Flapping their plastic wings and performing brief skits, they urged curious pedestrians not to feed the large flocks that descend each day onto Plaza Bolivar, a grand colonial era square flanked by a Roman Catholic cathedral and Colombia's elegant congressional building.

"There are too many pigeons here," said Mauricio Cano, a biologist who led the group of bird impersonators. "Feeding them is bad for people, and for the birds."

While London has tried to



A woman feeds pigeons at Bolivar Square in Bogota, Colombia, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018.

Associated Press

scare unruly pigeons away from train stations by deploying menacing hawks, and Paris has employed contraceptive methods to limit flock sizes, Bogota's government is trying to fight pigeon overpopulation through educational campaigns that urge people not to feed them.

Officials believe that if people stop nourishing the birds, they will stop concentrating in public squares

where their droppings sully historical buildings and put people's health at risk. If the birds, which aren't native to Colombia, don't gather in large numbers their rate of reproduction is also likely to decrease.

"We do not want to annihilate these pigeons," says Clara Sandoval, the director of Bogota's animal protection department. "But we need people to give them a chance to return to

their natural behavior."

A study conducted by city biologists found that the square's pigeon population doubles on weekends to 3,400 birds as the number of tourists who visit the square's iconic sites also swells.

"In some areas (of the plaza) you can find up to 33 pigeons per square meter," Cano said.

But convincing people not to give the birds food has proven tricky.

Feeding pigeons corn and taking a photo with them in Bolivar Square has been something of a local tradition for decades.

It also sustains a dozen or so street vendors who sell small bags of pigeon feed for about \$1 each.

"I've raised four children with this job" said Lilly Portilla, who has been plying the trade in the plaza for 25 years. "The pigeons have been here a long time, so why is it that all of a sudden the mayor comes here to

tell us they are dirty?"

Bogota's government is offering vendors like Portilla stalls in public buildings, so that they can sell snacks to office workers, instead of pigeon feed to tourists. It's also offering job skills training children of vendors so that they have options other than following their parents into the business. But some vendors say they haven't been included in the job placement program. And others are not convinced that selling snacks to humans will be as profitable as their current job.

"I would only leave this job if the government gave me a retirement pension," said Luz Melia Rodriguez, 65, who said she has been selling pigeon feed for 50 years. "When you reach my age it's quite hard to change careers."

Officials said they will eventually ban pigeon feed vendors from the square if they don't go voluntarily. □

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Monetary developments

NET DOMESTIC ASSETS AND NET FOREIGN ASSETS INCREASED

ORANJESTAD — In July 2018, money supply grew by Afl. 90.3 million to Afl. 4,421.0 million, compared to June 2018, resulting from expansions in both net domestic assets and net foreign assets¹ of Afl. 57.5 million and Afl. 32.8 million, respectively.

The growth in the domestic component of the money supply was mainly caused by an increase in domestic credit of Afl. 57.1 million. The expansion in domestic credit resulted from upturns in claims of the banking sector on the private sector (+Afl. 34.8 million) and net claims of the banking sector on the public sector (+Afl. 22.3 million). The rise in the claims of the banking sector on the private sector was attributed to an increase in loans to enterprises (+Afl. 23.3 million) and housing mortgages (+Afl. 13.5 million), while consumer credit registered a reduction of Afl. 1.9 million. The net claims of the banking sector on the public sector resulted primarily from a decrease in government deposits (-Afl. 22.0 million).

The increase in the net foreign assets of the banking sector was due to net purchases of foreign exchange of Afl. 214.2 million from the public mainly associated with foreign exchange revenue from tourism activities. These were largely offset by net sales of foreign exchange of Afl. 181.4 million to the public, mostly related to payments for goods.

Inflation

The consumer price index (CPI) for July 2018 noted a 5.1 percent increase year-over-year (YOY). The main contributors to this rise were the components "Transport", "Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages", and "Recreation and Culture". All other components also noted increases. Excluding the effect of food and energy², the core CPI rose by 2.5 percent (YOY). The 12-month average inflation rate was 1.3 percent in July 2018, compared to 0.8 percent in June 2018.

Tourism

The number of stay over visitors amounted to 101,386



in July 2018, which is 886 less visitors (-0.9 percent) than in July 2017. This decline was mainly due to a contraction in the Latin American market and European market of 4,380 visitors (-20.8 percent), and

515 (-5.9 percent), respectively. In contrast, the North American market grew by 3,079 visitors (+4.4 percent) (Chart 5).

The downturn in the Latin American market resulted from a decrease in arrivals from Venezuela (-5,254 visitors or -53.1 percent), while the reduction in the European market was caused by a drop in arrivals from the United Kingdom (-1,262 visitors or -46.4 percent). The rise in the North American market, on the other hand, was mainly because of an expansion in arrivals from the United States (+3,059 visitors or +4.6 percent).

The number of cruise visitors rose by 14,482 passengers or 45.4 percent to 46,370 in July 2018, compared to July 2017. The number of ship calls grew from 14 in July 2017 to 16 in July 2018.

Government

Total government revenue amounted to Afl. 83.2 million in July 2018, Afl. 0.6 million more than the same month of the previous year. This outcome resulted from a growth of Afl. 6.7 million in tax revenue and a lower amount registered in non-tax revenue (-Afl. 6.1 million).

The increase in tax revenue was mainly related to expansions in income from wage tax (+Afl. 2.4 million), profit tax (+Afl. 1.8 million), income tax (+Afl. 1.6 million), excises on tobacco (+Afl. 1.2 million), import duties (+Afl. 1.2 million), and transfer tax (+Afl. 1.0 million). These increases were partly offset by a decrease in income from foreign exchange tax (-Afl. 2.2 million).

By Centrale Bank van Aruba



The second edition of 'Rosé All Day' will be on the Renaissance Island



ORANJESTAD - It's almost time for a new edition of 'Rosé All Day'. The first edition took place in the Magical Wilhelmina Park last year and has proved to be an innovative event, where wine lovers came together for a relaxing afternoon, good music, and exquisite bites accompanied by delicious rosé. This year the Renaissance Aruba is raising the bar -and their wine glasses- for the second annual edition of Rosé All Day,

which will take place on Iguana Beach, at the Renaissance Island.

According to representatives of Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino, the concept 'Rosé All Day' proved itself last year. This year, the experience has been amplified to 'wow' all present from the moment they step into the water taxi heading to Renaissance Island. Something new, yet innovative by Renaissance Aru-

ba is to set a floating stage in the water and when the sun sets, the party starts! Enjoy performances by a live band, electrifying DJ's, Food Stations and Style Bars serving pink bubbles.

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Upon arrival, all visitors will receive a backpack including their own Rosé cup, a cooler bag, a blanket and \$10 Rosé wine credit to spend. There will be several food stations from different

Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino restaurants- on location serving the perfect bites to pair with your favorite Rosé. For instance, visitors can enjoy dishes from Fresco, Aquarius, L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House and Papagayo.

There is also a bar from the Arion Wine Company which is expected to be the center of attention where visitors can order wines such as Relax Pink Rose, The Palm by Whispering Angel, Whispering Angel and the Champagne Bollinger Rose. The organization has really thought of all the de-

tails to make this second annual edition of 'Rosé All Day' as memorable as possible. Get ready to Eat, Slay and Rosé on October 20th at Renaissance Island.

Tickets are already on sale at the Navigator desks in the lobby of the Renaissance Marina Hotel and at Renaissance Ocean Suites as well as at Arion Wine Company for \$40. Tickets are limited. For more information about the 'Rose All Day', please call 5236115 or visit the Facebook page of Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino. Dress code for this event is white or pink. □



The Culinary Secrets at Hadicurari are going on a steakhouse tour

PALM BEACH — The upcoming Culinary Secrets edition at Hadicurari is once again a mouthwatering affair. Held on October 12 and 13 2018. The menu promises a treat for everyone involved, effortlessly switching from seafood to veal onto Baked Alaska, an all-time favorite dessert.

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ORANJESTAD — Recently, Emely Ridderstaat of Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Loyal and Friendly visitors of Aruba as Goodwill Ambassadors. The symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, Transportation, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between 10-20 and more consecutive years.

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Emely together with Francis Ridderstap of the Divi Tamarijn presented the certificate to the honorees and handed over some presents to them and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years. □



Emotional Awareness

One of the most vital ways to heal our past and raise our true vibration to a higher frequency is through emotional awareness, also is the state of self-mastery.

Through deep introspection and meditation, one may open a door to our inner world where most of the past unresolved emotions and tendencies are running amok. When we are not conscious of this aspect of ourselves, one tends to react to every emotion that arises from within and manifest in situations and circumstances on our external reality. With enough inner stillness, one can watch and notice these tendencies and therefore make a choice whether to react or respond. By just noticing these tendencies and opening our eyes to the origins of these behavioral tendencies, this is the start of transforming ones inner world and therefore also our outer reality.

Life will call out to you to go into this inner direction, a very freeing sense of self is sensed and through this process of self-awareness, one starts to live in joy, peace and harmony.

Treat all your painful emotions with Love and this heals our past within and thus transform our present and future.



Suresh Mirchumal is a spiritual writer. "Well, you can categorize it like that, although I don't call myself one. These thoughts come in effortlessly." His aim is in a way to reach out to whoever gets inspired or has an eye opening event within them that may transcend their current state of consciousness. "Or let's say current emotional state too. If one in a thousand benefits, that is already great." Due to the current world state, lots of struggles and stresses, we seem to lose touch with that inner peace that we long for, Suresh explains. "I wish to ease that through these small articles or tidbits." You will find his tidbits in Aruba Today, like a sunray of the day. If you wish to make use of Suresh his services like meditation or just a talk, please email to: Thedimensionsofsilence@gmail.com.

Team Aruba goes to second semi-final in a row

DARLINGTON — Team Aruba traveled to the Legendary Darlington Dragway last weekend for the second to last stop on the 2018 PDRA tour. Although every event is at least one plane ride over the ocean for Team Aruba, this event could be

considered their home stop on the tour, as it's the closest to the team's stateside base in Union, S.C. They continued their impressive stint with the new car, making their second semi-final appearance in as many races.

Driver of the Aruba.com Mustang, Trevor Eman, and his wife, Nicole, are expecting their second child soon. While Eman is home awaiting their newest addition, John Bartunek filled his seat.

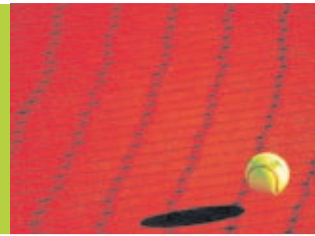
"I was very impressed with the amount of people that came to me asking how Nicole and the upcoming baby were doing, both racers and fans," expressed team owner, Ven Eman. "This goes to show the bond in the PDRA. "Our

team has done very well with this new car. Doug, Pat and John Peterson did a tremendous job taking a brand new car to the NHRA US Nationals and then to two PDRA semi-finals. John Bartunek did an excellent job driving the car this weekend. We're thankful he could step up and drive for us since Trevor was unable to come to Darlington."

Bartunek will also be driving the Aruba.com Mustang at the PDRA World Finals at Virginia Motorsports Park, October 18-21. "We are already preparing for the World Finals. Bruce Morgan will also be with us for Virginia after missing two races, and Bartunek will be in the driver's seat again to finish out the season for us. John is not only a good driver, but also knows his way around all aspects of the car. He has a long history in Pro Stock and is a great fit for us. "This new car is proving to be a fast hot rod," continued Eman. "We are excited to finish 2018 strong and then prepare for hopefully our best season ever in 2019. Our fan, partner and sponsor support means the world to us. They are the reason our team is successful." □



SPORTS



In this Nov. 18, 2007, file photo, Jimmie Johnson, left, pours champagne on crew chief Chad Knaus as they celebrate after winning the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series championship in Homestead, Fla.

Associated Press

NASCAR: Jimmie Johnson, Chad Knaus to split after 17 years

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — There will not be an eighth NASCAR title for Jimmie Johnson and Chad Knaus. Hendrick Motorsports will split the driver and crew chief — the longest pairing in NASCAR — at the end of a disappointing season. Johnson has not won a race in 17 months and was knocked out of the playoffs in the first round. Johnson and Knaus won their record-tying seventh championship in 2016 but have slumped in the two years since. "It's no secret that Chad and Jimmie have experienced their ups and downs over the years," owner Rick Hendrick said. "They're fierce competitors, great friends and have immense respect for one another. They also fight like brothers. All three of us agree it's finally time for new challenges and that a change will benefit them and the organization." Johnson and Knaus were partnered in 2002 when Knaus built the No. 48 team as part of a Hendrick expansion. They won a record-tying seven titles and made the playoffs in all 15 years of its existence.

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CRAIG'S LIST



Kimbrel, Red Sox eliminated Yankees in ALDS

Boston Red Sox catcher Christian Vazquez, right, and relief pitcher Craig Kimbrel celebrate after the Red Sox beat the New York Yankees 4-3 in Game 4 of baseball's American League Division Series, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, in New York.

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Brooks Koepka motivated by pair of daily messages

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

Brooks Koepka had two sets of daily reminders for a season that PGA Tour players voted as the best.

One was his annual list of goals that he writes every Jan. 1 during quiet time on the beach, some of them golf specific, some of them about life. He tacks the list in the middle of his closet so he can't miss it when he's getting dressed, packing for a trip or getting his watch and wallet.

"I'm definitely ahead of schedule on certain things," Koepka said Tuesday.

No doubt he was referring to winning two majors, which made him the obvious choice as PGA Tour player of the year. His second straight U.S. Open title made him the first back-to-back winner since Curtis Strange in 1988-89. His two-shot victory in the PGA Championship made him only the fifth player in 100 years to win in the same season the two U.S. majors held on different courses. And he missed on a few goals.

One was to not miss a cut, which ended in Canada with a 77 in the opening round that led to a weekend off. Another was to finish in the top 10 in half of his events.

And then there was one



In this Aug. 12, 2018, file photo, Brooks Koepka lifts the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the PGA Championship golf tournament at Bellerive Country Club, in St. Louis.

Associated Press

that made him laugh just to say it.

"Stay healthy," Koepka said. His left wrist was bothering him last December in the Bahamas, where he finished last in an 18-man field, 21 shots out of the lead. A month of rest didn't help. He started the new year at Kapalua and finished last in a 34-man field, 37 shots behind.

Only then did he discover a partially torn tendon that kept him out of the Mas-

ters during his four months away from golf.

That led to the second reminder.

It was a quote from Kobe Bryant after the Los Angeles Lakers great ruptured his Achilles tendon. Koepka set the quote as wallpaper eight months ago so that he would see it every time he activated his phone.

"It was too long for me to quote it exactly, but it was to wake up every day and find the positive because

you were one step closer to being you, and to enjoy the moments of frustration because with each step you get better and better, and to embrace those moments," Koepka said.

"I just changed it the other day."

Koepka leaves this weekend for the start of a new PGA Tour season, even though the year isn't over. He is playing the CJ Cup in South Korea, followed by the HSBC Champions

in Shanghai, and then his title defense at the Dunlop Phoenix in Japan the weekend before Thanksgiving.

This was his one week at home, a chance to more clearly view the happy side to the year.

The ballots were sent to PGA Tour players right after the Tour Championship. In the week before the votes were due, Koepka was part of his first losing U.S. team at the Ryder Cup. One of his tee shots during the opening session struck a spectator, causing her to lose sight in her right eye. He was shaken when it happened, and then the following week when he learned the extent of the damage.

"I'm heartbroken," he said at St. Andrews for the Dunhill Links Championship.

There also was a report that Koepka and Dustin Johnson, one of his best friends in golf, had to be separated during a skirmish at a Ryder Cup party. Koepka says they didn't fight and that he and Johnson found the report to be "funny."

Johnson was at The Bear's Club when Koepka won the Jack Nicklaus Award, and they made a short video poking fun at the fight before Johnson congratulated him on winning player of the year.

"I've got one of these, too," Johnson said. □



In this Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018 file photo, Justin Thomas tees off on the 14th hole during the first round of the Northern Trust golf tournament in Paramus, N.J.

Associated Press

By NICOLAS ANIL

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Justin Thomas returns this week to the scene of his first PGA Tour win in 2015, and where he

repeated as champion a year later.

Now the American, fresh from winning the PGA Tour money title for the second consecutive year, begins

Justin Thomas aims to win 3 out of 4 years in Malaysia

play Thursday in the CIMB Classic aiming for his third win in four years at the tournament, and his 10th on tour.

"This is always going to be a special place for me," Thomas said Wednesday of the TPC Kuala Lumpur West Course. "This is always going to be the place I got my first PGA Tour victory and that's very, very special. Every time I look at that trophy in my office at home, it brings back a lot of memories."

Thomas won the tour money title this year with \$8,694,821, the first back-to-

back winner of the award since Tiger Woods in 2006 and 2007.

He likes his chances of beating 2017 champion Pat Perez, Brandt Snedeker, Keegan Bradley and 2013 and 2014 winner Ryan Moore, who are among the starters in the CIMB field this week.

"I feel fresher and I would like to hope that's from the work that I've put in off the course or off-weeks, in my work in the gym and making sure I'm staying rested," Thomas said. "I think I have an opportunity to play well

and hopefully knock off a win or two."

Perez picked up more than half — 56 percent — of his FedEx Cup points from the three tournaments in Asia last year which also included stops in South Korea and Shanghai.

"I played phenomenal last year, I putted incredible and I'm going to have to do that again," Perez said. "Every year the field gets better and better and the players get better."

Prize money at Kuala Lumpur totals \$7 million, with \$1,620,000 to the winner. □

Rays extend manager Kevin Cash's contract through 2024

By FRED GOODALL

AP Sports Writer

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) —

The Tampa Bay Rays, who won more games than any American League team that didn't make the playoffs, have rewarded manager Kevin Cash with a contract extension that runs through 2024, plus a club option for 2025.

The 40-year-old Cash had one year remaining on a five-year, \$5 million deal he signed when he replaced Joe Maddon after the 2014 season.

Financial terms were not disclosed. Both Cash, who had no previous managerial experience when he was hired, and management said it was an easy decision to continue their relationship after a bounce-back season.

"Kevin has a long list of positives. ... It's been a joy to see him blossom," general manager Erik Neander said Tuesday. "He's very

deserving of this extension. We're excited for the years ahead."

The budget-minded Rays surprisingly won 90 games, finishing third in the AL East behind the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees, despite trimming payroll last winter and purging the roster again in July to transform themselves into a young team with a promising future.

Cash, who turns 41 in December, has led the Rays to a 318-330 record over four seasons.

"There's reason to be really excited about the way our team played, the youth and the athleticism, and the way these guys really came together in the second half of the year," Cash said.

"I'd like to think, other than the teams that are playing playoff baseball right now, we might have been the most talked about team in a positive light at the end

of the season," the manager added during a conference call. "It's an honor to be a part of that."

The Rays lost 12 of 15 to begin the season, digging themselves into a hole few people thought they were capable of escaping after trading Evan Longoria, Steven Souza Jr., Corey Dickerson and Jake Odorizzi and losing starting pitcher Alex Cobb to free agency. The club chopped more salary in July, trading pitchers Chris Archer, Nathan Eovaldi and Alex Colome, as well as catcher Wilson Ramos and outfielder Denard Span to make way for younger players.

With first-time All-Star Blake Snell leading the majors with 21 wins and an AL-best 1.89 ERA and Cash overseeing an innovative plan to use "openers" and "bullpen days" to compensate for a shortage of proven starting pitching, the Rays went 41-25 after the All-



In this Aug. 23, 2018, file photo, Tampa Bay Rays manager Kevin Cash sits in the dugout before a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Star break, including 19-9 in September.

"This is a year we put a lot on his plate," Neander said. "We made a lot of moves all the way into spring training that left a lot of doubt, potentially within our clubhouse with respect to what we could accomplish this year. To see him navigate

that, to see him navigate the difficult stretch we had out of the gates, the maturity, his approach, the unwavering support he had from our coaching staff ... was really impactful" and makes Cash the right man for the job "not only today, but for the foreseeable future," the GM added. □

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Red Sox hold off Yanks in Game 4, face Astros in ALCS

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Eduardo Nunez charged Gleyber Torres' four-hopper toward third base and whipped the ball across the diamond. Steve Pearce stretched, falling on his chest for a sprawling catch. The umpire signaled: "Out!"

The Boston Red Sox gathered around exhausted closer Craig Kimbrel, hugging and celebrating after the New York Yankees' two-run rally in the ninth inning fell short.

But wait!

In 21st century baseball, the game doesn't always end when it seems, hanging in limbo until umpires in a downtown Manhattan replay room agree.

A Yankee Stadium crowd of 49,641 wondered and the Red Sox paused as they watched from the infield in suspended celebration, fixated on the center-field video board.

After 63 seconds that felt like a lot longer, crew chief Mike Winters heard the decision, took off his headset, raised his right fist and made it official: The Red Sox beat the Yankees 4-3 Tuesday night to win the AL



Boston Red Sox first baseman Steve Pearce stretches for the throw to the bag ahead of New York Yankees' Gleyber Torres for the final out of Game 4 of baseball's American League Division Series, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, in New York. The Red Sox won 4-3.

Division Series 3-1, setting up a postseason rematch with the World Series champion Astros.

"I've been talking about them the whole season, so now we go," said Red Sox rookie manager Alex Cora, Houston's bench coach last year. "Best of seven. They know me. I know them. It should be fun."

J.D. Martinez and the 108-win Red Sox reached the AL Championship Series

for the first time since Boston won the title in 2013. A year after losing to Houston in a four-game ALDS, the Red Sox open the best-of-seven matchup against the 103-win Astros on Saturday night at Fenway Park. Houston went 4-3 against Boston this year.

"Awesome to clinch this one," Red Sox reliever Matt Barnes said, "but we've got eight more."

A New Jersey native who

grew up a Mets fan, Rick Porcello held the Yankees to one run over five innings for his first postseason win in 13 appearances. Barnes and Ryan Brasier followed with a perfect inning each to protect a 4-1 lead.

Red Sox ace Chris Sale told Cora when he arrived at the ballpark that he wanted to pitch, and he followed with a 1-2-3 eighth in a rare relief appearance that extended the Yan-

kees' streak of consecutive outs to 11.

New York had not put a leadoff runner on until Kimbrel, a seven-time All-Star closer, walked Aaron Judge on four pitches leading off the ninth.

Didi Gregorius singled and Giancarlo Stanton struck out, Luke Voit walked on four pitches, and Kimbrel hit Neil Walker on a leg with a next pitch, forcing in a run that made it 4-2.

Gary Sanchez fell behind 0-2 in the count, worked it full and sent a drive that had the crowd roaring only for Andrew Benintendi to catch it on the left-field warning track, a few feet short of a series-tying grand slam.

"I hit it well. But I got under it," Sanchez said through a translator.

Then came Torres' bouncer. "You never want to give a game back and go to a Game 5, so it's great that we could do it tonight," said Kimbrel, who got his second save of the series.

A night after Boston romped to a record-setting 16-1 rout in a game that included three replay reversals, Martinez, Ian Kinsler and Nunez drove in runs in the third inning off a wobbly CC Sabathia, who took the loss. For the second straight night, Yankees rookie manager Aaron Boone hesitated to remove his starting pitcher early.

When Boone brought in Zach Britton to start the fourth, and Christian Vazquez led off with an opposite-field drive over the short porch in right field for his first career postseason homer. Not even the presence of 1978 AL East tie-breaker star Bucky Dent for the ceremonial first pitch could inspire the 100-win Yankees, who were outscored 27-14 in the series, including 20-4 in the final two games. New York set a major league record this year for most home runs in a season, but didn't go deep in the two games at Yankee Stadium and hit .214 in the series, which included 3 for 14 by Gregorius, 1 for 15 by Andrew McCutchen and 3 for 15 by Sanchez. □

Former MLB star Lenny Dykstra indicted for drugs, threats

By DAVID PORTER

Associated Press

A grand jury in New Jersey indicted former baseball star Lenny Dykstra on drug and other charges stemming from an altercation with an Uber driver in May. The indictment handed up Tuesday charges the former Major League Baseball all-star with cocaine and methamphetamine possession, and making terroristic threats.

All three are third-degree crimes and punishable by up to five years in prison.

Dykstra claimed the driver threatened and tried to kidnap him early on the morning of May 23 after

Dykstra asked to change the trip's destination.

At a news conference a few weeks after the incident, Dykstra said the driver locked the car's doors and sped up, and that he was "literally in fear of my life."

The driver told a different story. He allegedly told police Dykstra held a gun to his head, though no weapon was found. Police said they found the drugs among Dykstra's possessions.

Dykstra was arrested outside police headquarters in Linden, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) southwest of New York City, after the



In this Dec. 3, 2012 file photo, Lenny Dykstra sits during his sentencing for grand theft auto in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

driver stopped and ran out of the car.

Dykstra faces an arraignment on a date to be determined. An attorney for Dykstra didn't immediately return a phone message Wednesday.

Dykstra played 12 seasons with the Philadelphia Phillies and New York Mets and was a member of the

Mets' 1986 championship team.

Since retiring from baseball, Dykstra has served prison time for bankruptcy fraud, grand theft auto and money laundering, and he declared bankruptcy in 2009, claiming he owed more than \$31 million and had only \$50,000 in assets. □



San Jose Sharks' Joe Pavelski (8), left, scores against Philadelphia Flyers' Brian Elliott, center, and Andrew MacDonald, right, during the first period an NHL hockey game Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

By The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Joe Pavelski scored two of San Jose's four first-period goals, and Evander Kane also scored twice to spark the Sharks to an 8-2 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night. Flyers fans were still buzzing from the pregame festivities for the home opener, which included rookie mascot Gritty rappelling from the rafters to the ice, when the Sharks pounced. The Flyers turned over the puck at the point, and Couture beat the odd-man rush and fired his first goal of the season past Brian Elliott. Pavelski made it 2-0 just 11 seconds later when he knocked in a rebound for his first goal of the season. The Sharks, a Stanley Cup favorite, were just warming

up. They had five goals in their first three games and then scored five goals through two periods. Kane added his second of the game and fourth of the season in the second to make it 5-1. Tomas Hertl, Timo Meier and Barclay Goodrow also scored in the third for an 8-1 lead. Aaron Dell stopped 31 shots. Shayne Gostisbehere and Wayne Simmonds scored for the Flyers. **JETS 2, KINGS 1**
WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Kyle Connor scored for a third straight game and Winnipeg overcame Ilya Kovalchuk's first NHL goal in five years to beat Los Angeles. Mark Scheifele also scored and Connor Hellebuyck made 16 saves for the Jets, who outshot the Kings 39-

17. Kovalchuk got his first goal since returning from Russia with the Kings this season on a three-year deal. It was the 418th of his career. Jack Campbell, replacing injured starter Jonathan Quick, stopped 37 shots in his ninth career game. **FLAMES 3, PREDATORS 0**
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Mike Smith made 43 saves and Sean Monahan scored twice as Calgary blanked Nashville. Elias Lindholm scored and Johnny Gaudreau had three assists for Calgary, winners of two of three. Smith was stellar, especially in the second period when he turned aside 21 shots. Nashville had a two-man advantage for a full 2 minutes in the period. The loss was Nashville's first after a pair of road wins

True grit: Sharks jump on Flyers early in 8-2 blowout

to open the season. Nashville's Pekka Rinne finished with 24 saves.

HURRICANES 5, CANUCKS 3
RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Sebastian Aho had a goal and an assist, and Carolina beat Vancouver for its third straight win.

Warren Foegele scored an insurance goal in the third period, Andrei Svechnikov, Jordan Staal and Brett Pesce also scored and Teuvo Teravainen had two assists.

They helped the Eastern Conference-leading Hurricanes improve to 3-0-1 — their best start since the move from Hartford in 1997 — under new coach and former team captain Rod Brind'Amour.

Sven Baertschi had two goals and an assist, and Bo Horvat scored on the power play for rebuilding Vancouver, which has lost the first two games of its six-game trip.

Curtis McElhinney made 22 saves for the Hurricanes while Jacob Markstrom stopped 28 shots for the Canucks.

BLUE JACKETS 5, AVALANCHE 2

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Nick Foligno had two goals and an assist and Sergei Bobrovsky made 25 saves to get his first win of the season as Columbus beat

Colorado.

Pierre-Luc Dubois, Artemi Panarin and Josh Anderson also scored for the Blue Jackets, who dealt the Avs their first loss.

Philipp Grubauer, making his Colorado debut after being acquired from Washington in June, had 30 saves. Nathan MacKinnon and Carl Soderberg scored in the second period, but Colorado was shut out in the third as Columbus broke a 2-2 tie and added a couple more.

MAPLE LEAFS 7, STARS 4
DALLAS (AP) — Auston Matthews and John Tavares each had two goals, and high-scoring Toronto beat Dallas.

Toronto defenseman Morgan Rielly had a career-high four assists after he scored the winning goal in Sunday night's 7-6 overtime win at Chicago. Mitchell Marner had a goal and three assists as the Maple Leafs improved to 2-0 on a four-game trip.

Led by Matthews and Tavares, Toronto has won three of its first four games. Tyler Seguin had a goal and three assists for Dallas, and Alexander Radulov finished with a goal and two assists. Ben Bishop, who had stopped 62 of 63 shots to help the Stars to a 2-0 start, made 23 saves. □

Federer, del Potro, Zverev all win at Shanghai Masters

By SANDRA HARWITT
Associated Press

SHANGHAI (AP) — Roger Federer had to overcome a second-set stutter. Juan Martin del Potro and Alexander Zverev had to overcome illness. All three still advanced at the Shanghai Masters on Wednesday. Federer, the defending champion, beat Daniil Medvedev 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in the second round despite being broken late in the second set. "I was able to mix it up. Re-

ally also took some chances, serve and volley, second serve," the top-seeded Federer said. "In the third set I really started to figure it out, as well, how aggressive or how tactical I wanted to make the match. And by trying everything, I found a solution at the end, which was a great feeling to have." The third-seeded del Potro trailed in the first set and in the tiebreaker but rebounded both times to beat Richard Gasquet 7-5, 7-6 (7).

"It wasn't easy to play for me today," said del Potro, who reached the China Open final last week. "I did what I can. I didn't run too much. But I think I played with all my strength in the important moment of the match.

"I would love to feel better," he added. "I have been talking with the doctors every day."

The fourth-seeded Zverev was also struggling with a cold, but he beat Nicoloz Basilashvili 7-5, 6-4.

Basilashvili arrived in Shang-

hai after beating del Potro in Beijing to win his second career title.

"I played an opponent who has a lot of confidence," Zverev said. "Obviously he's playing the best tennis of his life, winning in Beijing, and obviously he had a very good match yesterday, as well.

"He knows how to play, definitely. Probably the hardest-hitting player I have ever played against."

Zverev is playing in Shanghai without his coach, Ivan Lendl, who was in Beijing

last week. Lendl flew back to the United States to have wrist surgery, which Zverev said was caused by playing too much golf. Lendl is due to return to the tour before the end of the season.

Earlier, 10th-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas beat Karen Khachanov 6-4, 7-6 (8) — the second straight year that the Greek player has defeated Khachanov in the second round in Shanghai. "We played here last year and it was the place I got my first ATP win," Tsitsipas said. □

Next step for NBA is hiring women in positions of power

By **TERESA M. WALKER**

AP Sports Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) —

San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich sees one simple way for both the NBA and women to mark real progress in the league. Hire more women in positions of power.

"I think there just has to be more, more of the same," said Popovich, who during the offseason promoted assistant coach Becky Hammon, moving her one step closer to a head coaching seat. "There are more Beckys out there, they just have to be noticed and given the opportunity by people who are wise enough and courageous enough to do it and not just sit in the old paradigm."

And not just on the bench, but on the business side of the NBA as well.

The NBA routinely gets high marks for its diversity efforts and is widely viewed as a leader on social issues. Still, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver believes the league needs to be better, and he made his feelings known in a memo to teams in the wake of the Dallas Mavericks' embarrassing scandal. Several NBA teams tout statistics about women in their workforce, but beyond a



In this Dec. 26, 2017, file photo, San Antonio Spurs assistant coach Becky Hammon, left, talks with guard Patty Mills (8) during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the New York Nets, in San Antonio.

Associated Press

handful — including Lakers controlling owner Jeanie Buss and Pelicans owner Gayle Benson — the next step for the league seems to be more women in positions of power such as CEOs and COOs.

Memphis guard Mike Conley said it's important for basketball, business and society itself to have wom-

en in positions of authority. "We welcome it, and we do want to see more of that," Conley said, "and I think that will help bridge that gray area and all the things that have been happening with the Mavs and situations like that and hopefully it will never occur" again. The NBA earned an A+ for racial hiring practices but

a B for its gender hiring practices this summer from The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sports. That puts the NBA "significantly above" other professional sports, even as the number of women hired at the team level dropped for a third straight year with the percentage of women in team vice presidents and professional staff dipping as well, according to the report's author, Richard Lapchick.

When the NBA began investigating a report of sexual harassment and improper workplace conduct involving the former team president, the Mavericks did not have one woman at the executive level. Owner Mark Cuban hired former AT&T senior executive Cynthia Marshall as CEO and president in February, promoted four women to executive roles and now has eight women among 18 leadership roles. A memo obtained by The Associated Press last month shows the NBA plans workshops in Atlanta and Los Angeles in mid-November on the diversity and inclusion efforts. The NBA also set up an anonymous tip line after the Mavs' story broke. NBA teams surveyed

by The Associated Press say they've already been holding seminars on workplace conduct and putting women in leadership roles.

Irina Pavlova represented the Nets on the Board of Governors before leaving last year and was replaced by a woman as president of the company that runs the Nets, Barclays Center and Nassau Coliseum. The Toronto Raptors have Teresa Resch as vice president of basketball operations and player development, and Dr. Lisa Callahan is chief medical officer for both the Knicks and the WNBA's Liberty.

The Miami Heat recently hired Ruth Riley Hunter as its newest television and radio analyst, a move in motion before Silver talked about wanting more women in the NBA.

Grizzlies general manager Chris Wallace has seen the number of women in the NBA jump dramatically since he joined the league in 1986 and believes its heading in the right direction. Chantal Hassard has been with the Grizzlies since the franchise was in Vancouver and is entering her third season as VP of team operations and player programs. □



In this Aug. 21, 2018, file photo, Jamaica's Usain Bolt speaks at his press conference with the Central Coast Mariners soccer team in Newcastle, Australia.

Associated Press

GOSFORD, Australia (AP) —

Usain Bolt says his performance in a trial game on Friday could determine his future with the Central Coast Mariners in Australia's A-League and his quest to play professional football.

The eight-time Olympic

sprinting champion is expected to start for the Mariners against a Macarthur South West United team in western Sydney. United plays in a second-tier competition.

"This is going to be a big game. I think it will determine if the club makes

Bolt to get start in trial game for soccer club in Australia

up its mind on what to do with my career," Bolt said Wednesday.

The Mariners begin the A-League regular season on Oct. 21 in Brisbane against the Roar. Bolt, who holds the 100- and 200-meter world records, has retired from competitive track and field.

After being used as a winger in his first brief trial appearance in late August, Bolt hinted at a positional change for the match at Sydney's Campbelltown Stadium.

Coach Mike Mulvey "said he wants to play me up top more," Bolt said. "The

couple of games that I played, I didn't play with the first team.

"There's a few first-team boys in the team for Friday. So I'll get different service, better service, because they're more seasoned and more mature. So he just told me to make sure I'm focused and push myself, and I'll just take the chances when I get them." The 32-year-old Jamaican track great said was pleased with his progress in football.

"That's always a good step, when coaches are satisfied with the fitness to put me in the starting lineup.

That's always a big step," Bolt said. "I can say I've been improving, (but) you won't know what level you're at until you actually play a competitive game." In late September, Mulvey said he could wait until January before making a final decision on Bolt's status with the team.

Bolt saw his first action for the Mariners on Aug. 31, playing 20 minutes against a Central Coast invitational side. He played the entire second half against the North Shore Mariners on Sept. 19, when he alternated between left wing and forward. □



Derrick Lewis celebrates after defeating Alexander Volkov during a heavyweight mixed martial arts bout at UFC 229 in Las Vegas, Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018. Lewis won by knockout in the third round.

UFC heavyweight champ Cormier set to defend at MSG

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Daniel Cormier is set to defend his UFC heavyweight championship against Derrick Lewis at UFC 230 on Nov. 3 at Madison Square Garden. Lewis has won nine of his last 10 bouts and will fight just weeks after he defeated Alexander Volkov at UFC 229 last weekend in Las Vegas. Cormier (21-1) is UFC's light heavyweight and heavyweight champion and hoped to fight Brock Lesnar next year. But UFC was short on star power at a venue where some of the biggest stars have fought since mixed martial arts was legalized in New York two years ago and pressed Lewis and Cormier into service.

UFC is trying to move on from the brawls that broke out after the Conor McGregor-Khabib Nur-

magomedov fight in Las Vegas and put the promotion's buzz back on a better main event for its next major card.

UFC President Dana White told ESPN, which first reported on the revamped card, that the scheduled 230 main event fighter Valentina Shevchenko will now take on Joanna Jedrzejczyk at the next pay-per-view event December in Toronto. Shevchenko had been scheduled to fight Sijara Eubanks in the main event of UFC 230, and Eubanks wasn't happy about being bumped.

"I'VE EARNED MY SHOT. THIS IS MY TIME. Quit running this thing like a circus," Eubanks tweeted.

Nate Diaz and Dustin Poirier are still on for their scheduled lightweight fight at UFC 230. □

Geraint Thomas' Tour de France trophy stolen at cycling show

PARIS (AP) — Team Sky says the Tour de France trophy won by Geraint Thomas has been stolen from a cycling show in Britain. The team says police are investigating after the trophy disappeared during an event in Birmingham,

where Team Sky displayed the three Grand Tour trophies won by its riders. In addition to this year's Tour de France and Giro d'Italia, a rider for Sky also claimed the 2017 Spanish Vuelta title. □



In this Friday, Sept. 28, 2018, file photo, Crew chief Chad Knaus, left, talks with driver Jimmie Johnson, right, before qualifying for the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.

Associated Press

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There has sometimes been tension between the two, and Hendrick more than once considered splitting them for the good of the organization. The time finally came Wednesday in a personnel shakeup announced by the rebuilding organization.

"Chad and Jimmie will go down as one of the greatest combinations in sports history," Hendrick said. "They defied the odds by performing at a championship level for longer than anyone could've possibly imagined. What they've accomplished together has been absolutely remarkable and will be celebrated for generations. This has been an incredible, storybook run."

The changes Hendrick will implement next season brings back former employee Kevin Meendering to the organization to partner with Johnson. Meendering spent 16 years with Hendrick beginning with a high-school internship in the chassis department. His last three seasons have been at JR Motorsports, a

Hendrick affiliate, as crew chief for Elliott Sadler.

Hendrick called Meendering one of the "most sought-after talents in the garage" and said he'll be ready to take over the No. 48 team on his first day.

"He's a respected, forward-thinking crew chief," Hendrick said. "He's the right fit for Jimmie at the right time. With an established No. 48 team behind them, I believe they will perform at a winning level next season and chase that eighth championship."

Knaus, meanwhile, will crew chief William Byron and the No. 24 team next season.

Knaus started with the No. 24 team and had a variety of crew roles under mentor Ray Evernham from 1993 until 1998. Knaus was an integral part of Jeff Gordon's 1995 and 1997 Cup titles. Darian Grubb will be moved from Byron's crew chief to a technical director role that supports Hendrick Motorsports' engineering and vehicle development resources.

Hendrick Motorsports is in a rebuilding mode following the retirements of Gordon

and Dale Earnhardt Jr. and the firing of Kasey Kahne. Johnson is the veteran, surrounded by rookie Byron, and promising youngsters Chase Elliott and Alex Bowman.

Elliott is the only Hendrick driver to win a race this season and locked himself into the third round of the playoffs with a victory last weekend at Dover.

"We believe these decisions will provide us with a tremendous opportunity for success in the future," Hendrick said. "As an organization, we are here to win races and compete for championships. Everything we do comes down to putting our people in the best possible positions to further that objective. Winning is what it's all about." □

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Google brings camera twists, bigger screens to Pixel phones

By **ANICK JESDANUN** and **MICHAEL LIETKE**

AP Technology Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — Google's new Pixel phones mirror an industry trend toward lush, bigger screens and add twists on the camera for better pictures.

The third generation of Pixel phones unveiled Tuesday at an event in New York features screens that span from one edge to another. It's the first time Google has embraced the format, which Samsung has had for a few years and Apple adopted last year.

But Google is undercutting Apple on price. The Pixel 3 will be available Oct. 18 starting at \$799 — \$200 below the least expensive iPhone XS. A larger version, the Pixel 3 XL, costs \$100 more.

Google is also hiring photographer Annie Leibovitz to take pictures with the new Pixel in an effort to persuade consumers that its camera is superior.

The camera, for instance, promises better low-light and close-up shots by using artificial-intelligence software to combine mul-



New Google Pixel 3 smartphones are displayed in New York, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018.

Associated Press

tiples taken in succession. It will also warn you if someone blinked or if the shot is otherwise poor. The camera automatically takes about three seconds of shots, at lower resolution, and will recommend an alternative.

The Pixel joins LG's V40 in sporting a second front lens to fit more people into selfies. But it lacks a zoom lens

on either side, something available on some iPhones and Samsung phones. Instead, Google uses software to mimic that effect. Beyond the camera, Google is using artificial intelligence to help screen calls. Just tap on a button for Google's voice assistant to ask the caller about the purpose of the call. You see a transcript of the response

on the screen. You can choose to pick up or ignore the call. Callers are warned that they are talking to a robot and that a transcript would be made.

Although the Pixels have barely made a dent in the market since their debut two years ago, Google uses them to highlight what it considers to be the best features of its Android op-

erating system. A previously announced feature in which software will call businesses to make appointments and restaurant reservations for you will debut on the Pixel first, for instance — initially in New York, Atlanta, Phoenix, Arizona, and the San Francisco Bay Area.

IDC analyst Ramon Llamas said the Pixel 3 doesn't break new ground on hardware, but "software is a different story. It's mostly about convenience here." As usual, the Pixel phones focus heavily on Google's search engine, maps, digital assistant and YouTube video service.

Google has sold an estimated 7 million Pixels over the past two years, almost imperceptible next to the 3.6 billion phones shipped during that time, according to IDC. Apple alone sold 388 million iPhones during the same period.

Tuesday's announcements come a day after Google disclosed a flaw that could have exposed personal information of up to 500,000 users of its Plus social network. □

U.N. report: Technologies can help lives but boost inequality

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — New technologies from artificial intelligence to gene editing hold immense potential to improve people's lives — but can also drive greater inequality and social dislocation, according to a U.N. report launched Monday.

The World Economic and Social Survey 2018 focused on whether leading edge technologies can be used to meet U.N. goals for 2030 including ending extreme poverty, preserving the environment and promoting economic growth.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said "frontier technologies — from DNA sequencing to 3D-printing, from renewable energy technologies to biodegradable plastics, from machine learning to artificial intelligence — present immense potential for the

2030 agenda."

"Good health and longevity, prosperity for all and environmental sustainability are within our reach if we harness the full power of these innovations," he said in the foreword to the report.

"However, these same technologies also raise serious concerns."

Guterres urged governments to adopt policies that ensure that frontier technologies "are not only commercially viable but also equitable and ethical."

While richer developed countries grapple with the opportunities of new technologies that can help eradicate disease and automate manual and repetitive tasks, the report said "many developing countries are yet to fully reap the benefits of exist-

ing technologies."

"A great technological gap persists," the U.N. experts said, pointing to more than 1 billion people in developing countries without access to electricity and another 2.5 billion who experience weak connections and frequent power outages.

The 175-page report said millions of people also still depend on "human or animal muscle power" to cultivate land and for other kinds of production and lack access to modern education that is crucial to adopt many new frontier technologies.

At the same time, the report said, it has been possible for developing countries to "leapfrog" to some new technologies, for example, skipping landline telephones and going directly to mobile phones,

and bypassing electricity lines and going directly to solar energy.

But "without a minimum level of education, it is not possible to utilize digital technologies to buy or sell goods online, for example, or offer car services or rent out an apartment, even if the requisite electricity and Internet connections are in place," it said.

The report by the U.N.'s Department of Economic and Social Affairs said advances in automation, machine learning and artificial intelligence are also transforming labor markets and causing many job losses in richer developed countries.

While technological progress is fundamental to achieve the U.N. goals for 2030, the report said, "there is no guarantee that this progress will be aligned

with the most pressing needs of humanity: eradicating poverty and hunger, reducing inequality, generating shared prosperity and building resilience against climate change."

As an example, it said robots driven by artificial intelligence can help raise output but can cause significant job loss and impact the goal of promoting greater social equality. In the case of social media, the report said, targeted advertisements are increasingly used to "manipulate human emotion and spread misinformation and even hatred."

While artificial intelligence-based decision-making systems can improve access to public services, "they also run the risk of reinforcing existing biases and forms of exclusion." □

Women business owners find ways to deal with gender bias

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It can be subtle, like failing to make eye contact with a woman business owner but engaging in animated conversation with her male co-owner. Or more blatant, like asking an owner who's seeking investor money if she plans to have children. Many women business owners say they've encountered gender discrimination from potential investors, customers and employees who don't grasp the reality that a woman can be a CEO, trial attorney or own a technology company. Many women are taken aback at first and don't know how to respond to comments or behavior they find insulting, intrusive and demeaning. But over time, they find strategies to deal with bias.

When Amanda Bradford speaks at technology conferences and forums, discussing coding and algorithms, some men tell her afterward, "this is something I didn't expect when you opened your mouth." They assume that because she's a woman, she's the marketer, not the inventor of The League, a dating app.

When Bradford sought funding for her San Francisco-based company, "I often felt like I didn't get the credit for having the technical experience," she says.

Women business owners are not immune from the gender discrimination that is continually in the news — even as it's more and more likely a customer or potential investor will find themselves speaking to a woman if they want to see the boss. The number of women-owned businesses in the U.S. has grown to more than 10 million from 5.4 million in 1997.

Susan Duffy, executive director of the Center for Women's entrepreneurial Leadership at Babson College, says that while women owners are more visible and accepted than decades ago, "someone still assumes that if you're the CEO you're the white guy in the suit or the white guy in



In this Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, photo Ollie co-founders Gabby Slome and Alex Douzet pose for a picture at the manufacturing facility where their dog food is made in Woodbridge, N.J.

Associated Press

the hoodie."

Potential customers or investors often assume that Gabby Slome and Alex Douzet, two of the co-founders of dog food manufacturer Ollie, are married. Outsiders can't seem to get their minds around the fact that Slome, who's married to someone else, could be running a business without her husband, or without him bankrolling her.

"They think, he must have funded me.

They don't understand that I'm doing this independently of him," says Slome, whose two-year-old company is based in Manhattan.

Slome has learned to turn an uncomfortable moment into a pitch about Douzet and herself.

"I tell them, we met because of shared business interests, and our joint abilities and skill sets make us good business partners," she says.

Duffy, who oversees Babson's mentoring programs for women entrepreneurs, says gender discrimination and how to deal with it are frequently discussed at program meetings.

"Have your antenna up so you know it when you see

it and have two or three ready-to-go behaviors in your back pocket to manage it in the moment for the best outcome," Duffy says.

Sally Strebel has noticed that when her male business partner leaves her side at meetings, "other men will approach and ask me a question about my company and then tell me how they are building something better and that I should watch out." Strebel, co-founder of Pagely, a website hosting company based in Tucson, Arizona, realizes they want to intimidate her.

She's also been in meetings where she wasn't given the chance to speak. For a while, she was silent. But as time went on, she realized that she has the right to speak.

"I have more power. I have a voice now. I can actually say, 'that's not OK,'" Strebel says.

Noushin Ketabi has noticed that when she and her husband and business partner Rob Terenzi meet with male executives, they speak to him and don't make eye contact with her. They seem to perceive him as the ultimate decision-maker

in their coffee company, Vega.

Ketabi responds by acting as an equal co-owner of the Santa Barbara, California-based firm, speaking knowledgeably and authoritatively. She also uses humor to try to ease the awkwardness.

Julia Fowler confronted the potential investor who asked if she planned to have children.

"The question itself was extremely inappropriate and personal that had nothing to do with the company," says Fowler, co-founder of Edited, a retail technology company with offices in New York, San Francisco and London.

At first Fowler was taken aback. Then, at a second meeting, she raised the issue.

"I said to the partner who had asked, 'I want to understand why this is important to you.' He didn't have an explanation," Fowler says.

Fowler's assertiveness wasn't a problem: Edited got the money.

Michelle Kennedy has found potential investors don't trust that she knows her product and the market for it. She did market research before seeking investor funding for Peanut, an app that helps mothers connect with one another. But even as recently as 2016, potential investors would say, "I don't know. I need to speak to my wife or my secretary, my sister, my daughter who will know better" than she does, Kennedy says.

Kennedy encounters less bias lately because she can show revenue and earnings numbers that prove her ability to run a company.

Gender discrimination is often a topic of discussion when Elizabeth Pekin attends conferences with other women trial attorneys. They ask each other, "what do you say?"

"Everyone is a little shocked when it happens and it's harder than you think," says Pekin, co-founder of Momentum Funding, a company that helps people finance litigation costs. "They've told me that when they go to court and sit at the bench, the defense attorney ignores them, thinking they're the paralegal." Pekin advises women to market themselves as being qualified simply because they are women.

"Being a woman is something that can be a launching pad," she says. □

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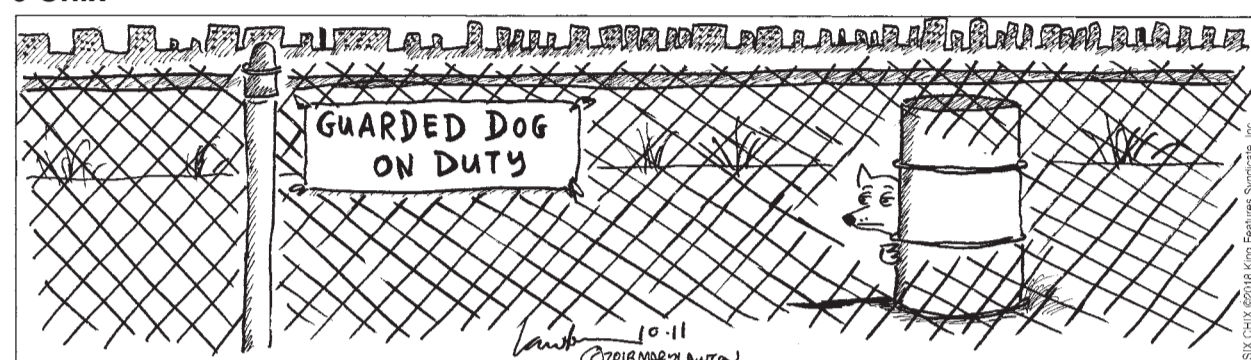
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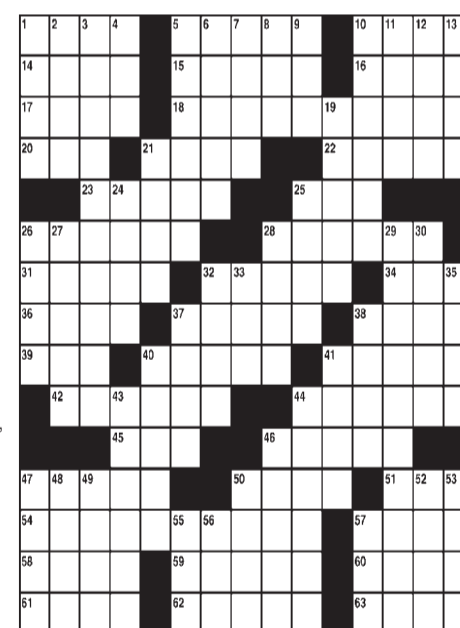
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

7	2	3	9	4	5	6	8	1
8	1	9	6	2	7	3	5	4
6	4	5	8	3	1	9	7	2
9	8	4	3	7	6	1	2	5
1	7	6	2	5	9	8	4	3
3	5	2	1	8	4	7	9	6
2	9	8	4	6	3	5	1	7
4	6	7	5	1	8	2	3	9
5	3	1	7	9	2	4	6	8

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- Shoelace problem
- Piece of prose
- So. Calif. univ.
- Friendly
- Temporary, but severe, as pain
- Men
- "... upon a time..."
- Department store employee
- Actress Arthur
- Soft-furred weasel cousin
- Hemingway's "The Sun Also ..."
- Ste. Marie
- Tiny
- Rather; somewhat
- Rough-textured
- Shed crocodile tears
- Darkness; sadness
- "London ... Fallen"; Gerard Butler film
- Sunbathes
- Implore
- Like takeout food
- As pretty ... picture
- Mean
- Merchandise
- Zigzag skiing
- Small restaurant
- Flat cap
- Actress Delta
- Hate
- Forest tree
- Org. for Eagles & Ravens
- Completely covering
- Mah-jongg piece
- "The ... Ranger"
- Military attack
- Change for a five
- Breakfast order
- Fling
- Grows gray



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DOWN

- Door handle
- Reasonable bedtime
- Occurring now and again
- 20th letter
- With little effort
- Meager
- Pout
- Feasted
- Affirmative
- More hideous
- Signals to actors
- Harp of old
- Invites
- Dairy product
- Stubborn animal
- Carney & others
- Mahogany or walnut
- Greek cheese
- Pile up
- Fuel, for some
- Crisco product
- Enthusiastic
- Dreary; morose
- Actor Marvin
- Average
- School dance

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

COBS	OATS	ODOR
AILED	CLOP	NINE
PLUTO	TIME	PIECE
EYE	OLE	ERODED
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- Chore
- Dick or Petula
- Metal thread
- Makes amends
- Elasticized cord
- Pig out
- Capable
- Personal web page
- 49 ... tough; refuse to quit
- Dock
- Escape
- Not as much
- Feminine suffix
- Waiter's hope
- 57 ... man; unanimously

Secret, solar-powered tunnel found on US-Mexico border

JACUMBA, Calif. (AP) — U.S. and Mexican authorities have discovered an incomplete, solar-powered tunnel connecting the two countries in a rugged, remote area east of San Diego. The U.S. Border Patrol said Tuesday that the clandestine passage measured 627 feet (191 meters), including 336 feet (102 meters) into the United States in the town of Jacumba. The solar system powered lighting and the ventilation system. It was also lined with a rail system that ran the entire length of the tunnel and had two sump pumps. Mexican authorities discovered the tunnel Sept. 19 at a residence in the town of Jacume. It did not have an exit point in the U.S. U.S. and Mexican authorities have found many cross-border tunnels - often incomplete. □

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Fast, furious: How Michael grew into a 155 mph monster

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moist air, warm waters in the Gulf of Mexico, and ideal wind patterns supercharged Hurricane Michael in the hours before it smacked Florida's Panhandle.

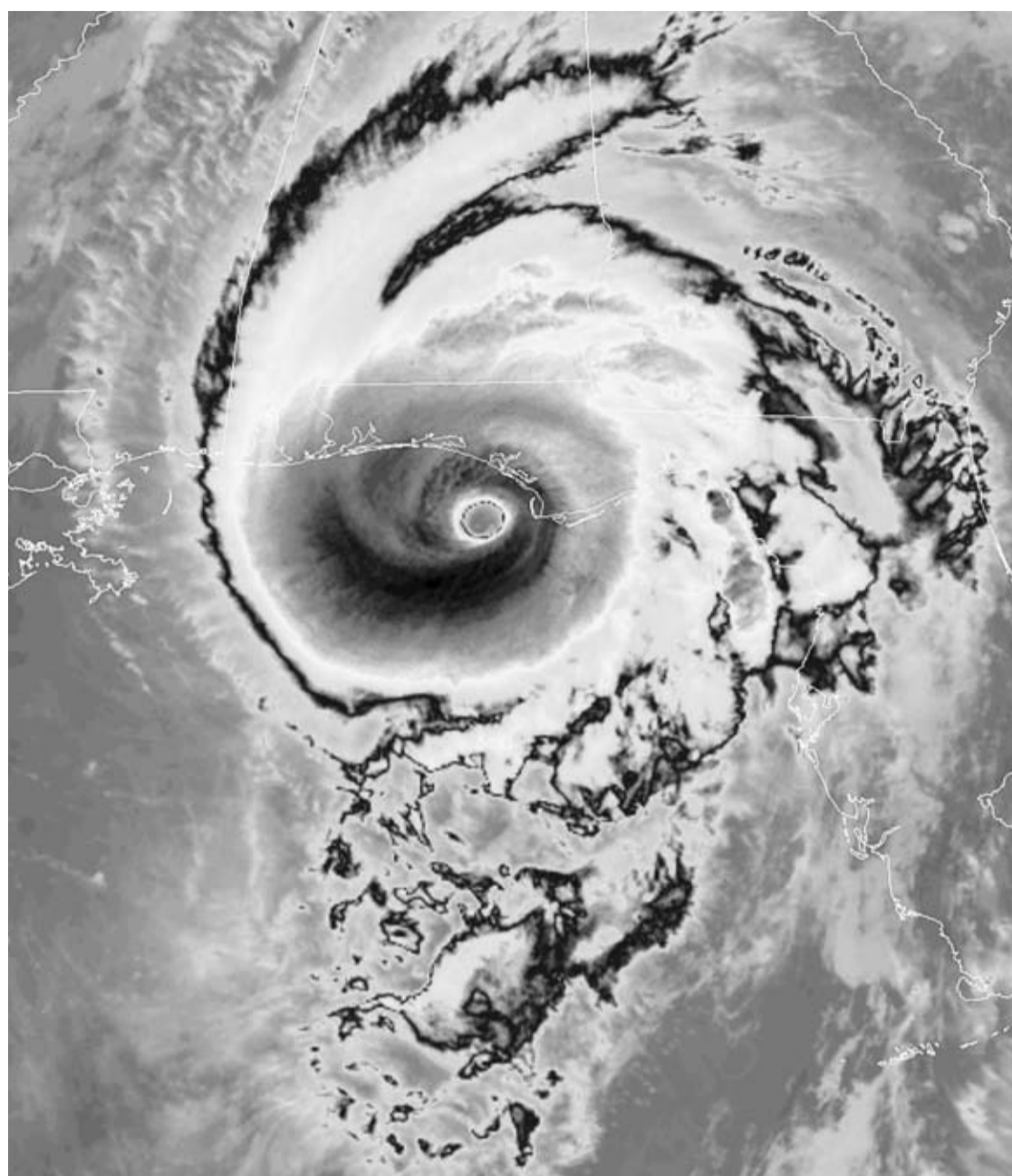
Hurricane Michael was barely a hurricane Tuesday morning, with winds of 90 mph. A little over a day later, it had transformed into a monster. When it made landfall Wednesday afternoon, it was blowing at 155 mph. That's a 72 percent increase in wind speed in less than 33 hours.

"Michael saw our worst fears realized, of rapid intensification just before landfall on a part of a coastline that has never experienced a Category 4 hurricane," University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy said Wednesday morning. Hurricanes have something called a potential intensity. That's how strong a storm can get if all other factors are aligned, said National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration climate and hurricane expert Jim Kossin said. Michael had nothing holding it back.

"Everything was there for it to reach its potential and it did," Kossin said.

As Michael's eye started coming ashore, it boasted the third lowest central pressure of any storm to hit the United States, behind only a 1935 Labor Day storm and 1969's Camille.

Meteorologists first got a sense something big could be happening by watch-



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ing how Michael's eye changed shape. Early Tuesday, it was oddly shaped and ragged.

Later in the morning it started to get better organized, and by Tuesday night real-time satellite imagery was showing the eye getting stronger and scarier by the minute.

Another factor: Its pressure, the measurement meteorologists use to gauge a hurricane's strength. The lower the pressure, the stronger the storm. Before landfall, Michael's pressure fell so low it looked like the winds were sure to pick up fast, said Ryan Maue, a meteorologist for weather-

models.com.

And none of the factors that hold a storm back were present, especially something called "wind shear." Wind shear is when there's a mismatch either in speed or direction between winds near the surface and those five to six miles (8 to 10 kilometers) up.

That mismatch "pushes the storm over" or decapitates it, Kossin said. When the wind shear near Michael eased, the storm took off, he said.

"It's kind of like someone was holding on to it when it was trying to run and they let it go," Kossin said.

Another huge factor was the water temperature. Warm water is the energy that fuels hurricanes, and the Gulf water is 4 to 5 degrees warmer than normal. Water temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico vary along with weather, but some scientists said the warm waters are signs of human-caused climate change.

"Have humans contributed to how dangerous Michael is?" Kossin said. "Now we can look at how warm the waters are and that certainly has contributed to how intense Michael is and its intensification."

The warm waters, Kossin said, are a "human fingerprint" of climate change.

Kossin and others have a study out this month in the *Journal of Climate* with computer simulations showing that human-caused global warming will increase rapid intensification of tropical weather across the globe in the future.

Other studies have shown rapid intensification has already increased over past decades. One study this year in *Geophysical Research Letters* found that since 1986, the rate of intensification of storms like Michael has increased by about 13 mph. □

Genetic glitch increases men's risk of impotence, study says

By **MALCOLM RITTER**

AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Scien-

tists say they've located the first well-documented genetic glitch that increases

a man's risk of impotence, a step that might someday lead to new treatments.

Most impotence isn't caused by genetics but rather things like obesity, diabetes, heart disease, smoking, drug and alcohol use, stress or anxiety.

But in a study released Monday by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers say they located a spot in human DNA where ge-

netic variation might boost a man's risk by about 25 percent.

They found statistical evidence for that by looking in the genetic makeup of about 36,600 men, and confirmed it in a similar study of 222,300 other men. Lab tests then suggested that variation might affect the activity of a nearby gene that's known to be involved in sexual functioning. Now scientists want to

explore how such variation affects risk of the condition, said Eric Jorgenson, a researcher at Kaiser Permanente Northern California in Oakland and lead author of the paper. It may interfere with the functioning of certain brain circuits, he said. He said discovering a biological explanation could give clues to developing new treatments for impotence, also known as erectile dysfunction. □



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Anticipation is high for Lou Berney's novel 'November Road'

By HILLEL ITALIE

NEW YORK (AP) — For crime writer and Oklahoma native Lou Berney, there's something special about the drive out West.

"I love that stretch of I-40, what used to be Highway 66, from Oklahoma City to Arizona," he told The Associated Press during a recent interview. "I remember hearing about the painted desert when I was a kid, and thinking, 'Oh my god, there's a painted desert somewhere!' It was so magical. The petrified forest. It had this myth for me."

People travel in Berney's books, although not always because they want to do so. "November Road," his new novel, is set in 1963. It tells of an Oklahoma woman on the run from her husband, an underling to New Orleans-based mobster Carlos Marcello, who is trying to make himself vanish in the wake of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. They're both heading West, and encounter each other in Las Vegas, where JFK was known to spend some free time.

The book is drawn in part from the author's life: Berney, 54, had often wondered what might have happened had his mother, whom he calls the "most ferociously intelligent woman" he ever knew, left his alcoholic father.

"What if?" says Berney, drinking coffee at a Manhattan café on a warm fall afternoon. "What if my mother had made a different choice at some point in her life?"

"November Road" is a story of one woman's dream for a better life and a tour of the grim underside of American life that the Kennedy assassination made unavoidable, as if the whole country was trapped inside a crime novel. Anticipation is strong, with The Washington Post calling "November Road" one of the "most distinctive, unexpected crime novels of recent years" and Kirkus praising how it "brilliantly reflects these times of both disillusionment and hope." The new book follows what was his most ac-

claimed work, "The Long and Faraway Gone," a thriller set in Oklahoma that won an Edgar Award in 2016 for best crime novel. His previous books include the Edgar-nominated "Whiplash River" and "Gutshot Straight."

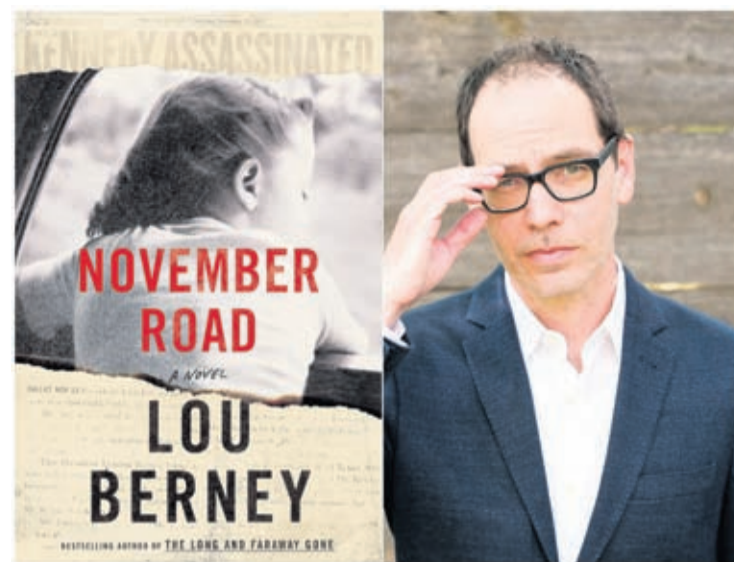
Berney, who teaches in the creative writing program at the University of Oklahoma, was born a year after Kennedy's death, but lived in a family caught up in JFK's myth. On family trips through neighboring Texas, his father would drive through Dealey Plaza in Dallas and point to the windows where Lee Harvey Oswald fired from. His mother skipped work to see one of JFK's speeches.

The Kennedy assassination has long been an obsession for fiction writers, from Don DeLillo and "Libra" to Stephen King and "11/22/63." Novels also have been a good medium for speculation about who might have killed him. Charles McCarry's classic "The Tears of Autumn" pins it on the Vietnamese, a response to the U.S.-backed coup against the country's president, Ngo Dinh Diem, three weeks before Kennedy's death. Berney thinks Marcello, suspected by some assassination theorists, an ideal culprit.

"He's the one mobster no one knew about at the time," he says. "If anybody could get away with this, I thought it would be Marcello. There was a sign in his office that read 'Three can keep a secret if two are dead.'"

Berney cites Kate Atkinson, Elmore Leonard and Megan Abbott as influences, but he didn't begin as a crime novelist. He studied communications and journalism at Loyola University and creative writing at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, from which he received an MFA. He remembered that while in graduate school a professor saw him with a Leonard novel and said, "Don't read that trash." He now wonders how much time he might have saved had the professor encouraged him.

Berney received early literary acclaim. His first book, "The Road to Bobby Joe and Other Stories," came out in 1991 and brought him praise from The New York Times as a writer of "tremendous range, one whose characters — a Laotian busboy, an aging wino, a rock band's groupie — often walk themselves up to the edge of a moral abyss." But his next publication didn't come for nearly two decades. He spent four years working on a novel and couldn't find a publisher. He spent another three years on a different novel and tried writing screenplays. No luck. He thought himself a failure and was ready to give up, when he decided to try one last time and wrote "Gutshot



This combination of photos released by William Morrow shows the cover image for the novel "November Road," and its author Lou Berney.

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Straight," about a mobster who leaves a California prison and soon finds himself in new kinds of trouble.

"It was like ... 'I have nothing to lose at this point,'" he said of the book, which came out in 2010. □



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In 'Bad Times at the El Royale,' a motel's mysteries

By JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

Drew Goddard, the screenwriter-turned-director whose feature debut was the meta-horror film "A Cabin in the Woods," has laid another movie trap. This time, in the pulpy but artificial thriller "Bad Times at the El Royale," it's a motel. And as anyone who has ever watched a movie knows, bad things do indeed tend to happen in motels. Just ask Marion Crane or Llewelyn Moss. The El Royale is Goddard's hermetically sealed site this time. It's a once-swanky, now-kitschy Lake Tahoe lodge — a blare of neon amid the pines — that straddles the state line. Half the motel lies in Nevada, half in California, and a red line of demarcation runs right through the middle. Rooms in California are \$1 cheaper, owing to the fact that that's the side with the bar. Goddard's real-life inspiration was the similarly arranged Cal Neva, which in the '60s was a favored hangout of the Rat Pack, John F. Kennedy, Marilyn



This image released by 20th Century Fox shows Jon Hamm in a scene from "Bad Times at the El Royal."

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Monroe and an assortment of mobsters. When Frank Sinatra bought it, he built secret tunnels between bungalows. It was a notorious den of salaciousness and disrepute. Monroe spent her last weekend there. Those heydays are long gone in "Bad Times at

the El Royale." Set in 1969 as Nixon is taking office, the El Royale has lost its gaming license and when guests beginning arriving, they find a desolate lobby. It takes an eternity to arouse the jumpy manager (Lewis Pullman).

That's enough time for us to

get lengthy introductions to our cast of travelers. There's a former bank robber posing as a priest from Indiana, Father Daniel Flynn (Jeff Bridges); a Motown singer trying to go solo, Darlene Sweet (Cynthia Erivo); an FBI man posing as a vacuum salesman from Mississip-

pi (Jon Hamm); and a pair of sisters on the run: Emily Summerspring (Dakota Johnson) and Ruth (Cailee Spaeny). Turning up later will be Chris Hemsworth as a Charles Manson-like guru. The production design (by Martin Whist) is stellar, the atmosphere (a rainy night) is dense and the cast terrific. So why is "Bad Times at the El Royale" kind of a slog? Goddard's film looks terrific and has all of the — as Hamm's character would say with exaggerated Southern flare — "accoutrements" of an intoxicating slow-burn thriller, but none of the payoff.

But it's continually tantalizing that something may be below the surface here beyond a belated Tarantino knockoff. Bridges naturally lends a gravitas to the movie's mysteries. Johnson, armed with a shotgun, seems poised to take over the film. When Hamm's agent finds dozens of surveillance devices and uncovers the motel's hidden tunnels, you'd swear a larger conspiracy is about to be revealed. □

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Doyle Bramhall II raises the bar on varied 'Shades'



This cover image released by Provogue shows "Shades," a release by Doyle Bramhall II.

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By PABLO GORONDI
Associated Press

Doyle Bramhall II, "Shades" (Provogue)
For some masters of the fretboard, changing their guitars is as far as they sometimes seem willing to go to create a different

mood. Texan guitar ace Doyle Bramhall II — who also as singer, songwriter and producer has worked with Eric Clapton, Roger Waters and Sheryl Crow, among many others — may also be using different guitars on the 12 tracks on "Shades," but his conviction and commitment to a wide variety of sounds make him a particularly compelling performer.

It's all rooted in the blues but "Shades" goes in several directions with nary a misstep, naturally integrating superstar guests like Clapton and Norah Jones, and achieving a steady flow no matter the style. "Everything You Need" has an inspired Clapton solo and soulful R&B sounds to spare like Stevie Wonder, while Bramhall's vocals

mesh perfectly with Jones' on "Searching for Love," one of those ballads that make you look around for someone to quickly dance slowly with.

"Live Forever" counts on the talents of the Greyhounds, a duo from Austin, Texas, and it sounds like a tune for a band that would have felt at home sharing a stage with the likes of Cream and Spirit, while "Consciousness" features an all-star selection of '60s instruments, from the Farfisa organ to a Leslie guitar. Groovy. The Tedeschi Trucks Band, also on his extended list of credits, helps Bramhall close out the album in style with Bob Dylan and The Band's "Going, Going, Gone" and its sage advice of "Don't you and your one true love ever part." □

Make-up, wig, cackle. Actress becomes witch at Universal

By MIKE SCHNEIDER

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — "Scare-actor" Laura Law once frightened a patron so badly at Universal Orlando Resort's Halloween Horror Nights that the woman peed in her pants.

Graceful and mild-mannered, the 31-year-old actress didn't come across as someone who could have such an effect when she arrived recently for her transformation into the Wicked Witch of the West for the 28th year of Universal Orlando's celebration of all-things-horror. Law has been a "scare-actor" for five years.

She was already in her purple tights and black dress, her red-hair was in a ponytail and her green contact lenses were in by the time she plopped down in a makeup chair. A black smock protected her dress as makeup designer Eric Garcia prepared to work his cosmetic witchcraft on her pale face.

"It's fun to be creepy and scary, right?" she said.

Halloween Horror Nights is an all-hands-on-deck affair at the Orlando, Florida theme park resort, as well as at Universal theme parks



In this Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018 photo, Laura Law performs as a witch at the Scary Tales haunted house at Halloween Horror nights at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla.

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in California, Japan and Singapore. This year, the Orlando Halloween celebration will have 10 haunted houses, several recalling slasher films or pop culture from the 1980s, including a house modeled after the Netflix hit TV show, "Stranger Things."

Halloween Horror Nights lasts for 36 nights, but it's

planned for more than a year. Each haunted house is a small, temporary attraction, elaborately designed and themed, built with studious attention to details and populated with "scare-actors" who chase but never touch the thousands of patrons passing through each night. This year's Halloween celebra-

tion opened in mid-September.

"I don't think anybody does it bigger or better than we do," said Patrick Braillard, creative development show director at Universal Orlando.

In the makeup chair, Garcia applied glue to Law's face. Next came a rubbery prosthetic that Gar-

cia placed over her nose and forehead. Its whiteness gave her a "Phantom of the Opera" look and its shape gave her a hook nose and textured skin. Garcia then placed on a white, pointed chin prosthetic and started painting her face with white and flesh colors using a small sponge. He painted on black eyebrows and small wrinkles with a tiny brush. She said, "People don't think it's a real thing, but you can smell the fear in people a little bit."

Law, who doesn't like to be scared herself, smelled the fear of the woman she made have an accident one year while working in one of the "scare zones," areas in the parks outside of the haunted houses where performers roam around giving jolts of fright to passers-by. Law casually walked up to the woman and the woman freaked out, running away. Law spotted the woman a short time later on a bench, walked up next to her and just stood there. The woman ran away again. Later, the husband came up to Law's supervisor and told her the actress had made his wife pee in her pants. □

From Catholicism to Camp: New Met Gala theme revealed

By JOCELYN NOVECK

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Next year's Met Gala will be downright campy.

No, seriously: The Metropolitan Museum announced Tuesday that "Camp: Notes on Fashion" will be the title of its next blockbuster spring Costume Institute exhibit. The exhibit is launched each year by the star-studded Met Gala, where attendees are encouraged to dress according to the prescribed theme.

The museum said in a statement that the exhibit will get its framework from a 1964 essay by Susan Sontag, "Notes on 'Camp.'"

The show "will examine how fashion designers have used their métier as a vehicle to engage with camp in a myriad of compelling,

humorous, and sometimes incongruous ways," it said.

The Met Gala, formally known as the Costume Institute Benefit, is always chaired by a team of high-wattage celebrities, and next year will be no exception. The May 6 affair, to be underwritten by Gucci, will be chaired by pop star and actress-of-the-moment Lady Gaga, tennis star Serena Williams, and singer Harry Styles, along with Gucci designer Alessandro Michele and, as always, Vogue editor Anna Wintour.

The new theme seems decidedly more lighthearted than last year's hugely successful "Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination," about the relationship between fashion and Catholicism.

That sumptuous, sprawling show drew more visitors than any Costume Institute exhibit — more than 1.3 million to the Met's main Fifth Avenue location, and nearly 200,000 to its Cloisters branch — and indeed was one of the most attended shows in the museum's history.

"Fashion is the most overt and enduring conduit of the camp aesthetic," said Andrew Bolton, curator in charge of the Costume Institute and creator of its blockbuster shows. Bolton said the 2019 show would "advance creative and critical dialogue about the ongoing and ever-evolving impact of camp on fashion."

The exhibit will feature approximately 175 objects, not only clothing but also



In this Sept. 27, 2018, file photo, actress and singer Lady Gaga poses for photographers upon arrival at the premiere of the film "A Star Is Born" in London.

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sculptures, paintings, and drawings.

Designers to be featured in the show include: Cristóbal Balenciaga, Thom Browne, Gucci, Marc Ja-

cobs, Charles James, Christian Lacroix, Karl Lagerfeld, Prada, Versace and many more. "Camp: Notes on Fashion" will run from May 9 through Sept. 8. □

Vacant office parks find new life as schools, colleges

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP) — On the new satellite campus of Sacred Heart University, the helicopter landing pad remains as one of the few reminders that the wooded, 69-acre property served until recently as the global headquarters for General Electric.

Where Jack Welch sat at the pinnacle of corporate America, professors now lead classes inside the sleek, 1970s buildings on the campus purchased by the university following GE's departure for Boston in 2016.

Across the country, office parks that have lost their luster with employers are being repurposed as school buildings. Colleges and school districts willing to think beyond traditional school settings are retrofitting office space to help them deal with growing enrollments and a scarcity of land in urban and suburban areas.

Sacred Heart computer science professor Bob McCloud said he likes the natural light the floor-to-ceiling windows bring into the classrooms. And the leftover cubicles outside his office leave plenty of room for his graduate students. But he is still adjusting to the former GE site.

"It's a little corporate," he said.

A 28-bedroom guesthouse with a ballroom has been kept by the university to support a new hospitality program. Renovations are still underway at the two main buildings, but the university already has moved



This undated photo made available by Josh Meister shows the North Atlanta High School in Atlanta.

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the education, computer science and engineering departments to what it is calling its West Campus, a short shuttle ride from the main campus.

Michael Kinney, a university administrator, said the \$31.5 million paid for the property was a bargain when compared with the cost of new construction.

A similar idea has been under consideration a few miles down the Connecticut shoreline in Stamford, where the school district was looking at an unoccupied building that once housed Xerox as the potential site of an elementary school.

Some other examples:

ATLANTA

When Atlanta Public Schools decided to build

a high school inside a 11-story office tower that once housed IBM, designers found classrooms fit well within the column structure. But there was plenty that needed changing.

A nine-story building on the 56-acre property was torn down to make room for a gymnasium and auditorium. Stairs were installed to create double-level common areas for each grade level and reduce logjams on the elevators. And laminated glass was installed in all the floor-to-ceiling windows to keep students from falling through if any were to crash into them while roughhousing.

IBM's kitchen and cafeteria were kept in place — with some modifications.

"You can't have chandeliers in a kids' cafeteria," said Bob Just, an architect with the firm Cooper Carry in Atlanta.

North Atlanta High School opened in the new space in 2013. IBM once employed over 5,000 people at the site but that had number had dwindled to less than a thousand as more were working at home or customer sites.

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

With a fast-growing student population, and little available land, the city of Alexandria saw opportunity in a cheap, vacant office tower

that had once housed the National Diabetes Association headquarters.

In September, the building reopened as the Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School, named for a civil rights advocate who worked for desegregation in Alexandria. The school district bought a parking garage adjacent to the building for playground space, including a basketball court on the roof. A footbridge was built to allow children to walk from the third floor of the school to the building with play areas.

The bottom four floors make up the school, with the top two reserved for school office space. With large win-

dows that let in abundant natural light, school district spokeswoman Helen Lloyd said the building lent itself well to a school setting, and the retrofit took much less time than it would have to build a new school.

"We went to the planning council in September, and 11 months later the building opened, all glossy and gorgeous," she said.

HOUSTON

As the Awty International School was looking for room to expand its early learning center, the Houston neighborhood was seeing business parks give way to more condos, apartments and retail development.

When an office park across the street became available for sale, the private school in the city center bought the five-acre property. It opened in September 2017 as a campus for preschool through first grade students. A playground replaced a parking lot in an interior courtyard, and the ceiling was raised in one building to accommodate a gym.

The 30-year-old development had been home to businesses including a bicycle maker and a tax office before being sold. The school renovated the entire property, adding color to the brick facade with new resin panels, and they were on track for significant savings compared to the costs of new construction before running into challenges with the remodeling. □



This August 2017 photo provided by The Awty International School shows a playground at The Early Learning campus at The Awty International School in Houston.

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This Oct. 2, 2018, photo shows the former General Electric headquarters in Fairfield, Conn., that was purchased by Sacred Heart University in 2016.

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